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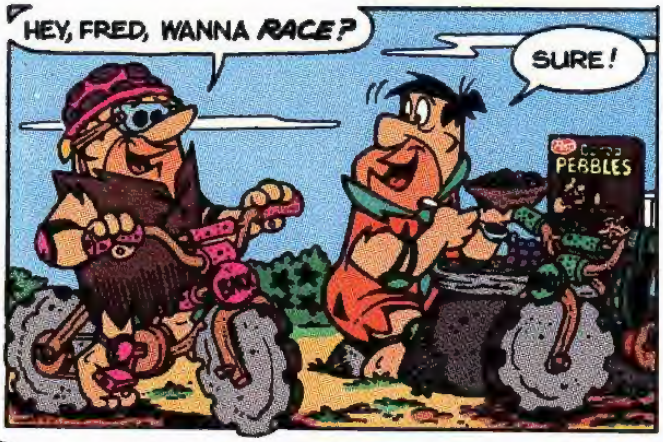

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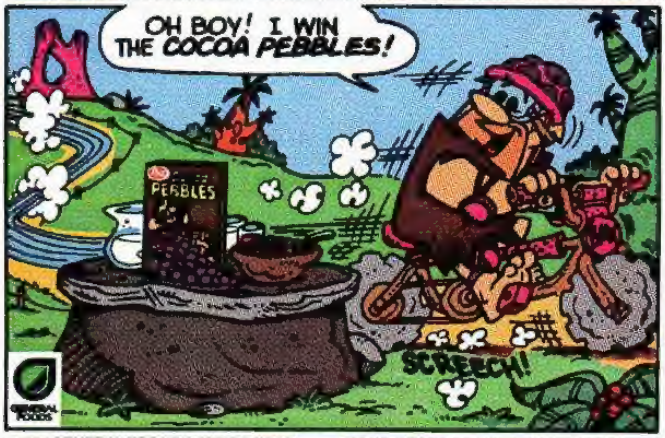

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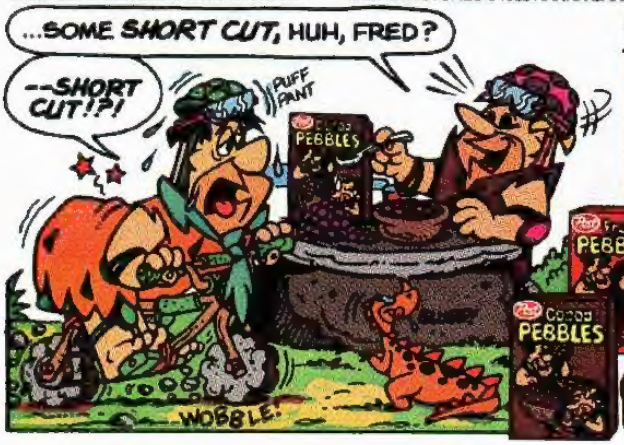

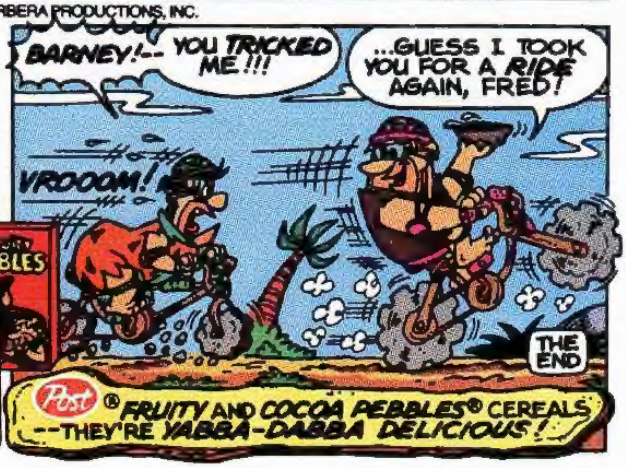

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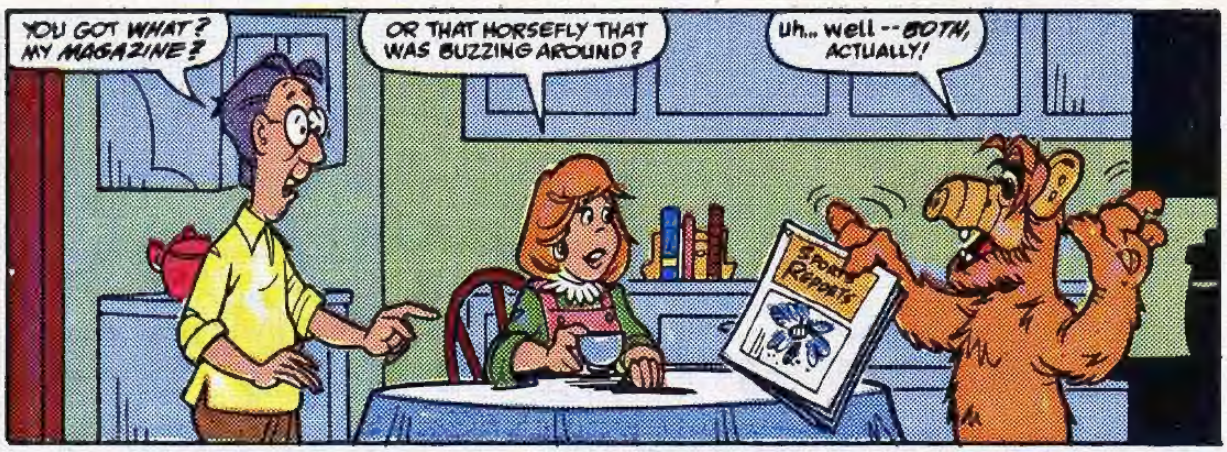
YOU GOT WHAT? MY MAGAZINE?
OR THAT HORSEFLY THAT WAS BUZZING AROUND?
uh... well -- BOTH, ACTUALLY!
SPORTS REPORTS

ALF! I'VE HARDLY LOOKED AT IT YET!
NO PROBLEM! KATE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT SPORTS IN THAT ISSUE!
WELL -- TECHNICALLY..

OH! I SUPPOSE THAT'S BECAUSE THIS HAPPENS TO BE THE ANNUAL SWIMSUIT ISSUE, EH?
I DIDN'T MEAN IT IN THAT CONTEXT, BUT I KIND OF WISH I HAD!
SPORTS REPORTS

DON'T TAKE THAT CONDESCENDING TONE WITH ME!
OH, FACE REALITY!
HOO-BOY! ANOTHER INTRA-SOCIAL SPECIES DEBATE!
FIRST AMENDMENT!
SUPPLY AND DEMAND!
BLA!
YAK!
THEORIZE!
LIKE THE ELVIS ON A POSTAGE STAMP CONTROVERSY!
DON'T THEY HAVE ANY SHAME IN FRONT OF THE POOR MELMACIAN ALIEN?

COOL IT, RICARDOS! HERE COMES YOUR DAUGHTER BACK FROM THE MALL!
DEBATE!
ARGUE!

HI, ALF!
LAN-O-LYNN! C'MON IN AND CHANGE THE SUBJECT! WOTTA YA BEEN UP TO?
MM!
MMM!

I JUST BOUGHT THE NEATEST BATHING SUIT!
OOFAH!
SMOOTH, KID!
Sorry...
ME, TOO..
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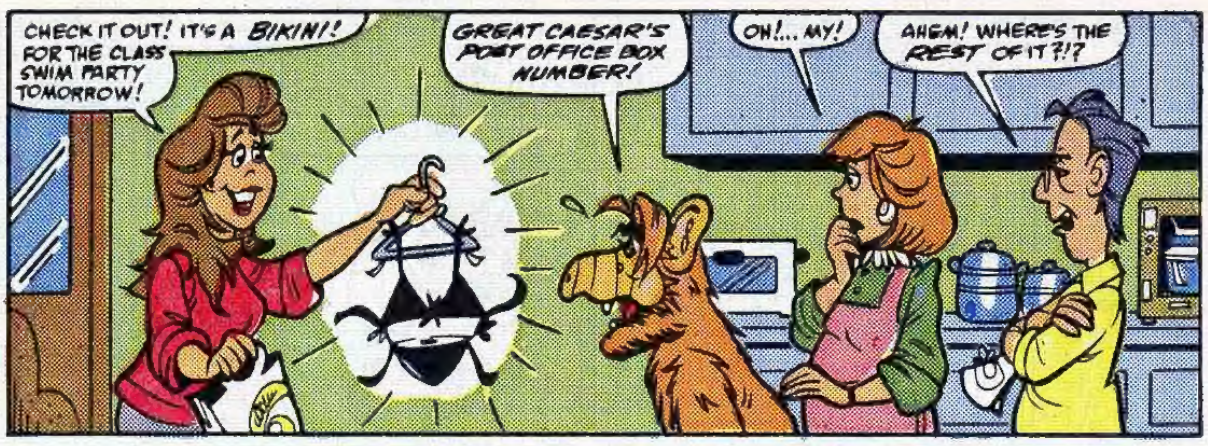
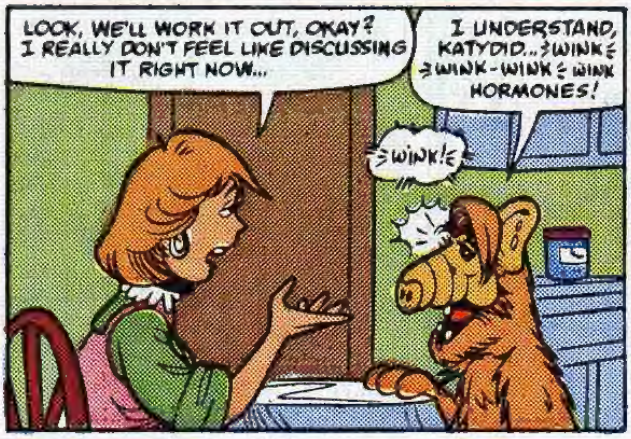

CHECK IT OUT! IT'S A BIKIN!! FOR THE CLASS SWIM PARTY TOMORROW!
GREAT CAESAR'S POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER!
OH!... MY!
AHEM! WHERE'S THE REST OF IT?!?

OH, DADDY! DON'T BE SO SQUARE!
NO DAUGHTER OF MINE IS WEARING A SUIT LIKE THAT!
BUT IT'S OKAY FOR THE DAUGHTERS IN SPORTS REPORTS?
ding!
ROUND 2!
I'M NOT A BABY ANYMORE!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE UNDER THIS ROOF!
APPLES AND ORANGES!
EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!
GRUMBLE!
MUTTER...
Sniffle...
SHEESH! THIS IS LIKE THAT MELMACIAN T.V. SHOW MEAT the PRESS!

BOO HOO HOOOOOO!
WHOO! BOO-HOO! CHOO-CHOO! COMIN' THRU!

BAD DAY AT CASTLE TANNER? WOULD YOU FEEL BETTER IF I ATE THE HORSEFLY OFF YOUR MAGAZINE?
MMMMGH!
ALF!
SPORTS REPORTS


LOOK, WE'LL WORK IT OUT, OKAY? I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE DISCUSSING IT RIGHT NOW...
I UNDERSTAND, KATYDID...WINK-WINK-WINK-WINK HORMONES!
WINK!

JUST TAKE A HIKE, WISE GUY!
THAT I WILL! STRAIGHT TO LYNN'S ROOM TO CONSOLE HER! PLUS, THAT PLASTIC BAG LOOKED SCRUMPTIOUS!
ZIP!
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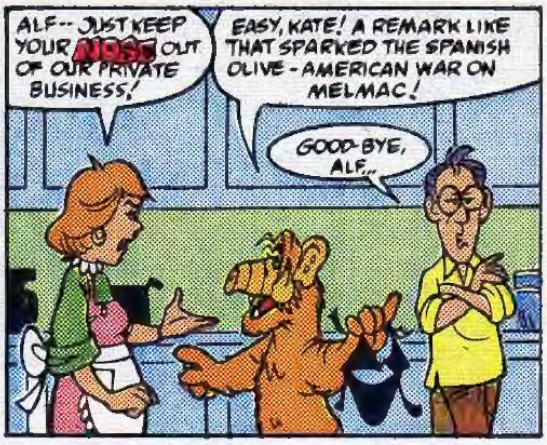
LATER...
TRAUMATIC DAMAGE REPORT!
IS LYNN STILL UPSET?

A LITTLE... BUT SHE IS NOT PACKING HER BAGS!
WELL, THAT'S GOOD!...
I ATE THEM LAST MONTH!
THAT'S BAD-- ALF!!

BUT WHAT'S ALL THE CONTROVERSY ABOUT? I DON'T THINK THE SUIT'S TOO RISQUÉ... DO YOU?
ALF!
OH, NO...!

YOU TAKE THAT OFF!
SHEESH! I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP!...
TURN YOUR HEAD!


ALF-- JUST KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF OUR PRIVATE BUSINESS!
EASY, KATE! A REMARK LIKE THAT SPARKED THE SPANISH OLIVE - AMERICAN WAR ON MELMAC!
GOOD-BYE, ALF...

AND SO...
LUCKY FOR THEM, I'VE DESIGNED A PLAN!...
OH, WHERE WOULD THEY BE IF I HADN'T CRASHED INTO THEIR ROOF? HA!

FIRST I'LL NEED FABRIC! LIKE THIS SLIPCOVER FROM MY SHIP'S SEAT!

AND ONCE AGAIN, GORDON SHUMWAY SAVES THE DAY... JUST WHEN ALL SEAMED LOST! HA!
TAKKA TAK TAKKA TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAKA TAK
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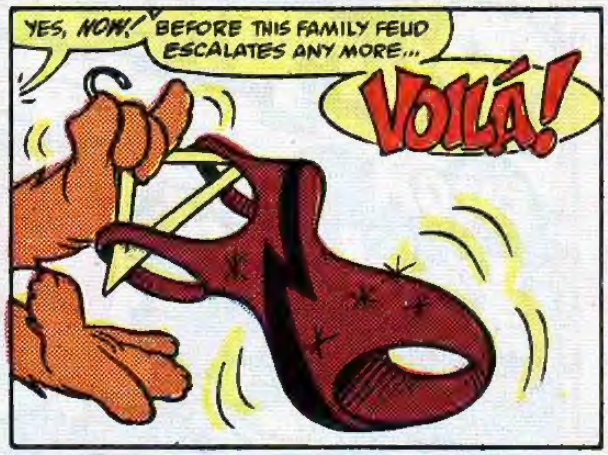
LYNN -- IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US THE COLD SHOULDER ALL NIGHT, I'LL PUT THE HEATER ON!
Hmm!
OKAY, LIGHTEN UP, EVERYONE...
... ALF! THIS IS THE THIRD AND LAST TIME I'M CALLING YOU TO DINNER?
COMING!
WOW! THAT'S A RECORD!

BUT FIRST, A WORD FROM THAT RENOWNED DESIGNER, MELMACALVIN KLEIN!
NOT NOW!!


YES, NOW! BEFORE THIS FAMILY FEUD ESCALATES ANY MORE...
VOILÁ!

ALF, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT BATHING SUIT?
I MADE IT! TRY IT ON, LYNNO-LEUM!
IT'S SO PRETTY! AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY SIZE!

BY ALL MEANS! A CUSTOM FIT! 34-26-
OKAY, ALF! I'LL TRY IT ON!
BLUSH!

MINUTES LATER...
ALF! IT'S SO NICE!
IT LOOKS WONDERFUL ON YOU HONEY!
YOU LOOK SWELL, SIS!
FLATTERING WITHOUT BEING TOO REVEALING! NICE JOB, ALF!
OH, YEAH!
WHOOP!

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HER FRIENDS PICKED HER UP AN HOUR AGO!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK A FLEA BATH?
SKRUTCH
MILK
I'LL IGNORE THAT REMARK! AH, LEFTOVER LIME JELLO! gurnch!... bloop... SO, WHAT LAKE IS THE PARTY AT?
slurp!
gulp!
burp!
LAKE?
THE CLASS PARTY IS AT THE SEA-SHORE!
SPLOOOOOOG!
ALF!
I'LL EXPLAIN IT BETTER WITH VISUAL AIDS!! MIX ME A SALINE SOLUTION- 5% Na--95% H_2O!
I'LL RETRIEVE A CLIPPING FROM THE SEWING ROOM...!
≥Sigh≤ THIS PREGNANCY IS NOTHING LIKE THE FIRST TWO WERE!
HERE WE GO! IS THAT MY BOWL-O-BRACK?
YES! NOW WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON, ALF?
BEHOLD!
SPLOOT!
SALT WATER HAS QUITE AN EFFECT ON ANYTHING MADE OF 100% MEL-MACOTTON! IT SHRINKS TO ≥gulp≤ NOTHING!
EEK!
SHRINK!
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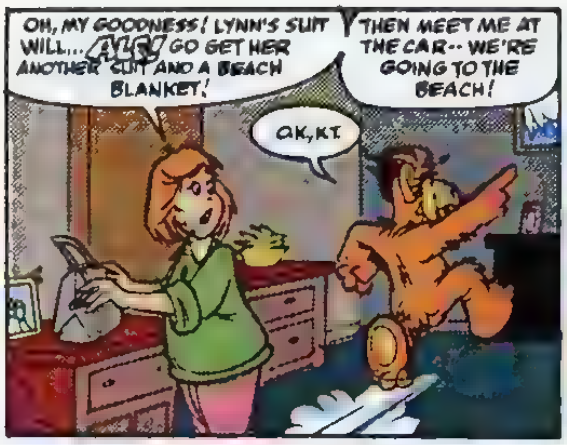
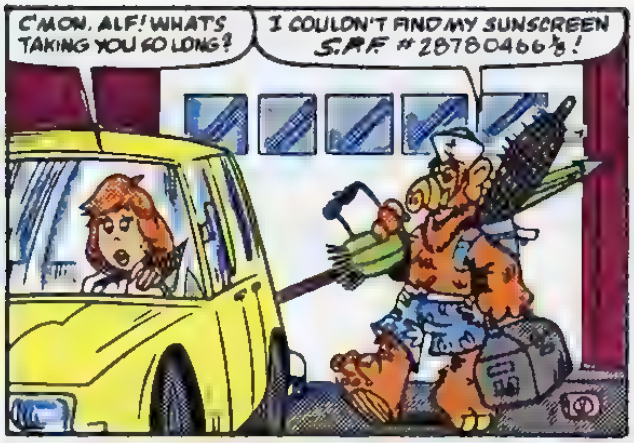
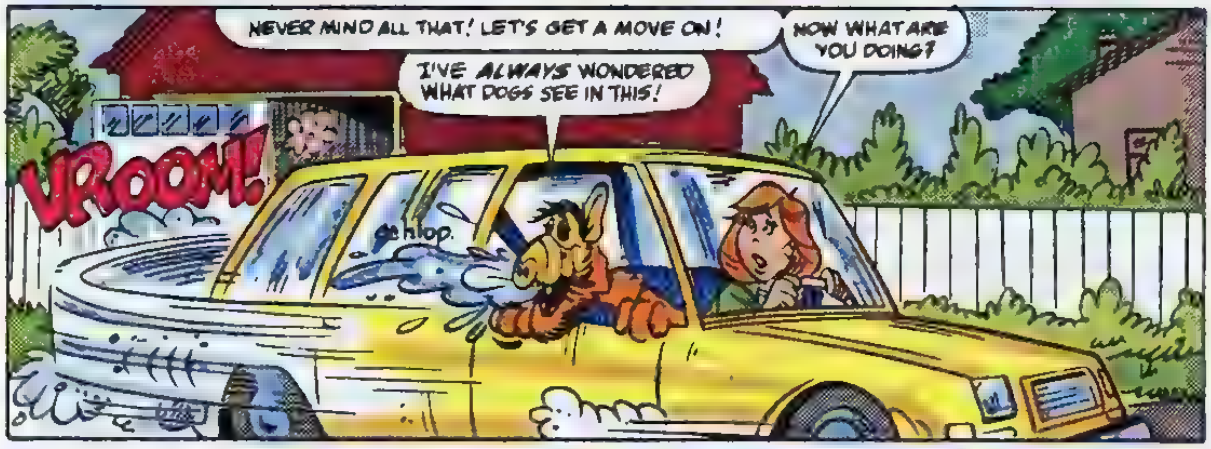
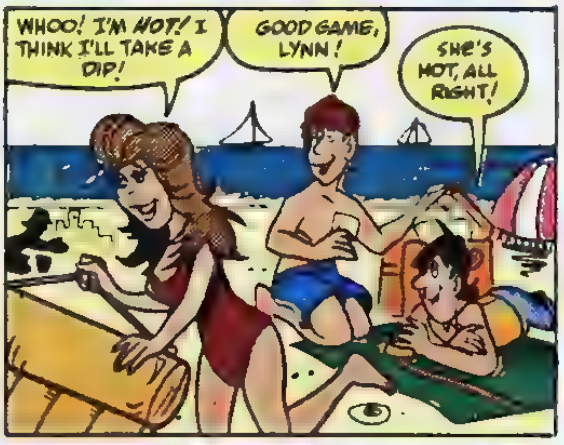
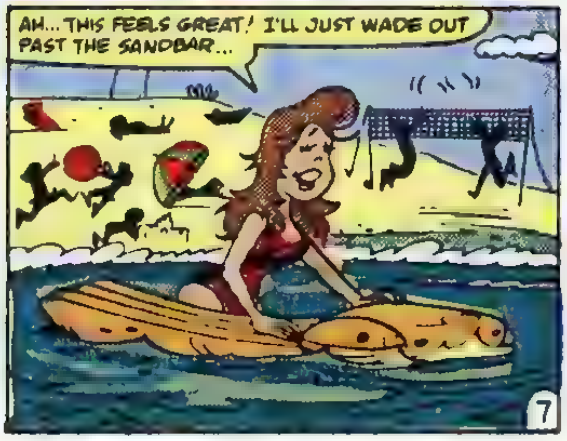

OH, MY GOODNESS! LYNN'S SUIT WILL... AND I'LL GO GET HER ANOTHER SUIT AND A BEACH BLANKET!
THEN MEET ME AT THE CAR-- WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH!
OK, K.T.


C'MON, ALF! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?
I COULDN'T FIND MY SUNSCREEN S.P.F. #28780466½!


NEVER MIND ALL THAT! LET'S GET A MOVE ON!
NOW WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT DOGS SEE IN THIS!
VROOM!
ghlop.

MEANWHILE, AT THE SHORE...
YAY! WE WIN!
AW!
OH!
ALL RIGHT!


WHOO! I'M NOT! I THINK I'LL TAKE A DIP!
GOOD GAME, LYNN!
SHE'S HOT, ALL RIGHT!


AH... THIS FEELS GREAT! I'LL JUST WADE OUT PAST THE SANDBAR...

BETCHA BITE A CHIP with Chips Ahoy!

THERE ARE SO MANY CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN A CHIPS AHOY! COOKIE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BITE A COOKIE WITHOUT BITING A CHIP. SEE IF YOU CAN "EAT" YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE, "BITING" INTO AS FEW CHIPS AS POSSIBLE.

BETCHA BITE A CHIP SCALE

- 5 OR MORE - YOU BIT A MOUTHFUL (TRY AGAIN)
- 4 CHIPS — CHOCOLATE MUNCHER
- 3 CHIPS — NOT A BAD BIT O' BITING, BUDDY
- 2 CHIPS — CHOOSY CHEWER
- 1 CHIP — CHIP SKIPPER
- 0 CHIPS — IMPOSSIBLE! (WE TOLD YOU)

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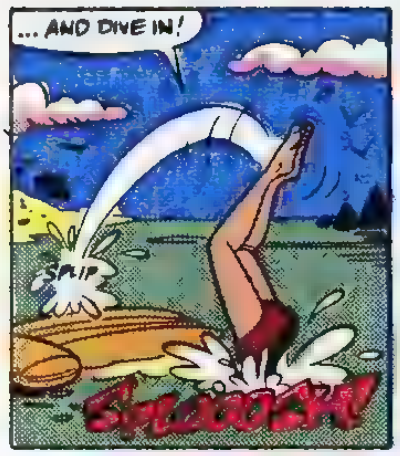
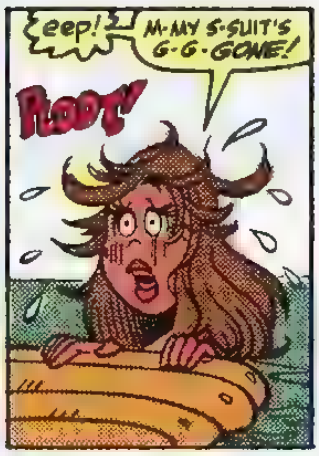

... AND DIVE IN!
SPLIP
SPLOOSH!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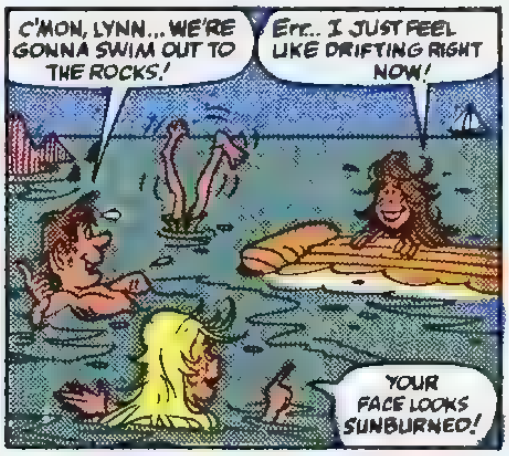
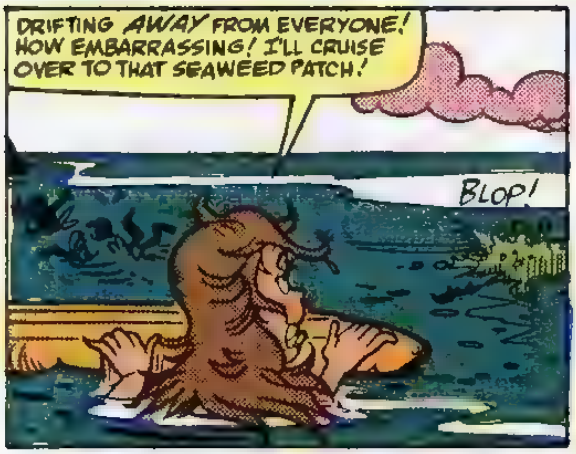
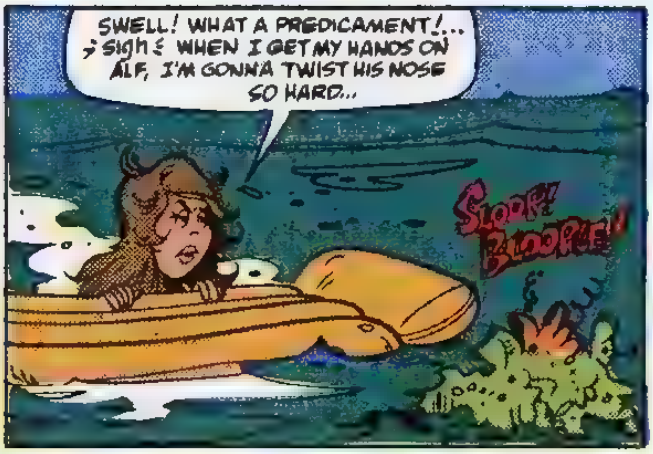
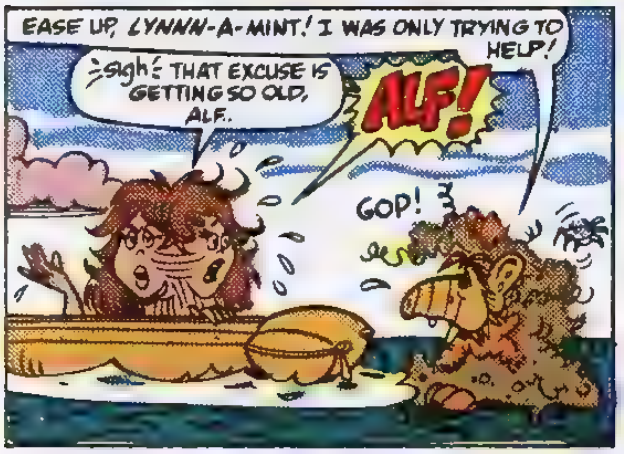
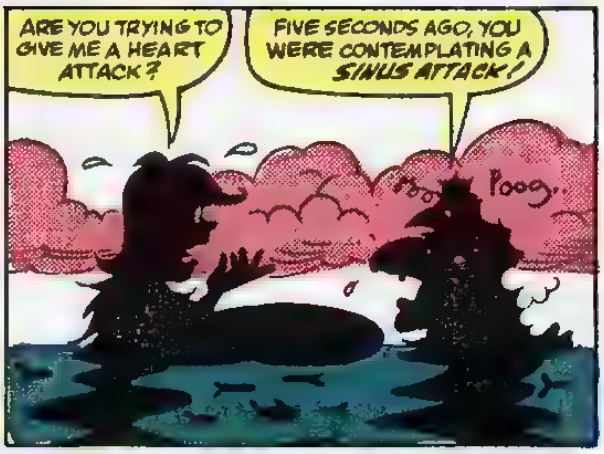
M-MY S-SUIT'S G-G-GONE!
PLOOT!

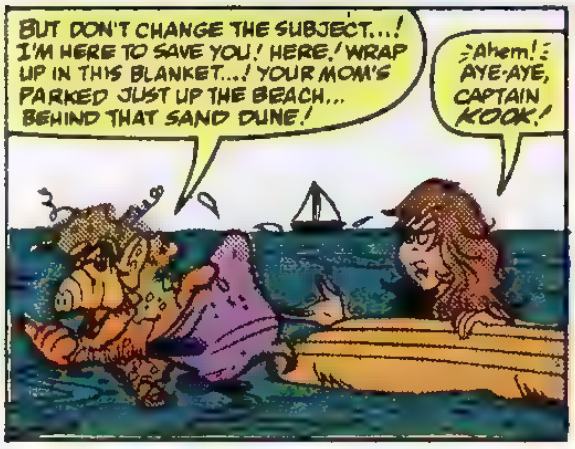

C'MON, LYNN... WE'RE GONNA SWIM OUT TO THE ROCKS!
Err... I JUST FEEL LIKE DRIFTING RIGHT NOW!
YOUR FACE LOOKS SUNBURNED!

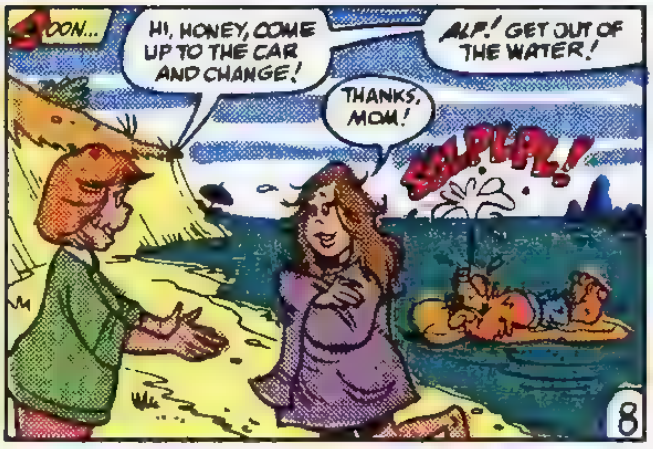

DRIFTING AWAY FROM EVERYONE! HOW EMBARRASSING! I'LL CRUISE OVER TO THAT SEAWEED PATCH!
BLOP!


SWELL! WHAT A PREDICAMENT!... ;sigh; WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON ALF, I'M GONNA TWIST HIS NOSE SO HARD...
SLOOP! BLOOPLE!


EASE UP, LYNNN-A-MINT! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP!
;sigh; THAT EXCUSE IS GETTING SO OLD, ALF.
ALF!
GOP!


ARE YOU TRYING TO GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK?
FIVE SECONDS AGO, YOU WERE CONTEMPLATING A SINUS ATTACK!
Poog..


BUT DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT...! I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU! HERE! WRAP UP IN THIS BLANKET...! YOUR MOM'S PARKED JUST UP THE BEACH... BEHIND THAT SAND DUNE!
;Ahem!; AYE-AYE, CAPTAIN KOOK!


DON...
HI, HONEY, COME UP TO THE CAR AND CHANGE!
ALF! GET OUT OF THE WATER!
THANKS, MOM!
SPLPLPL!
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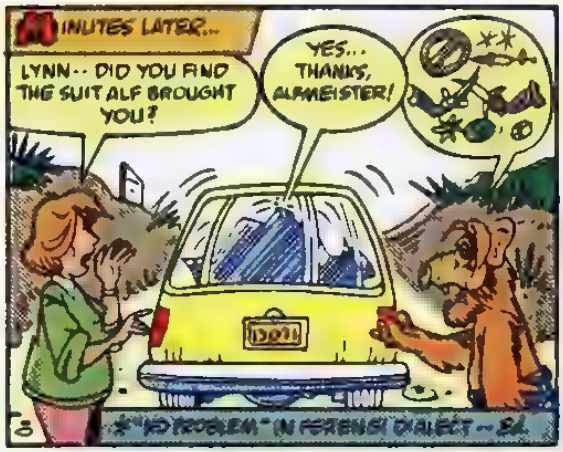
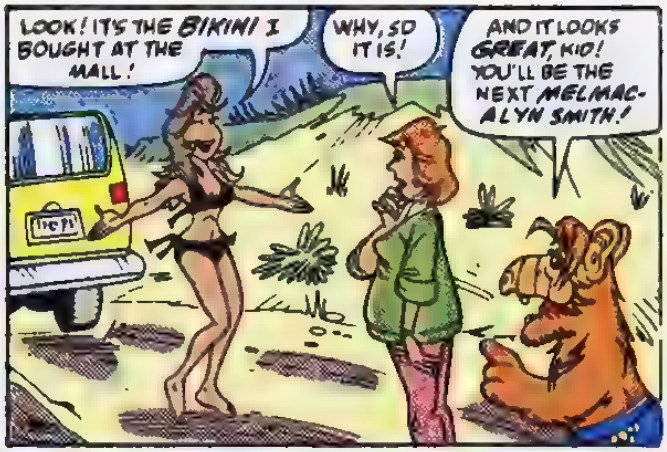
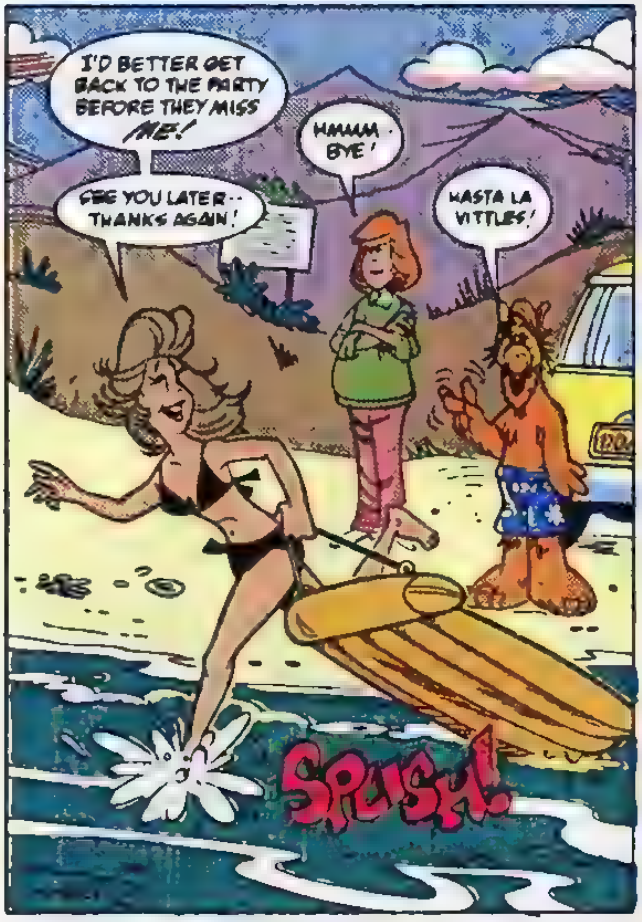
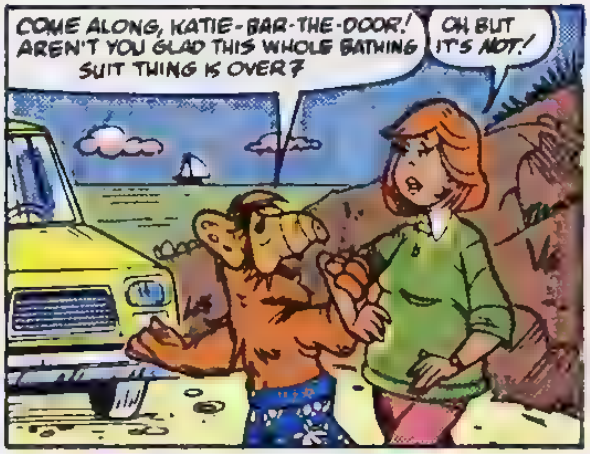
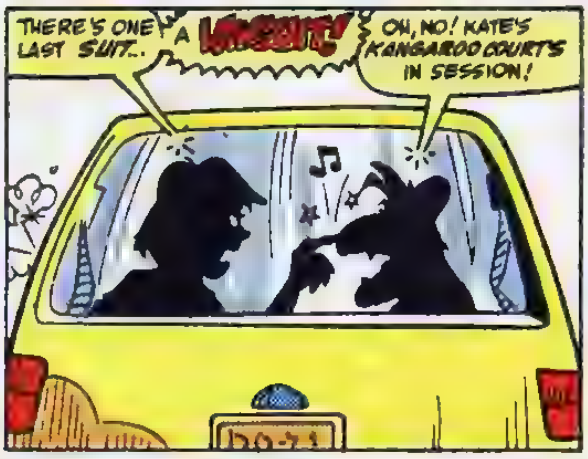
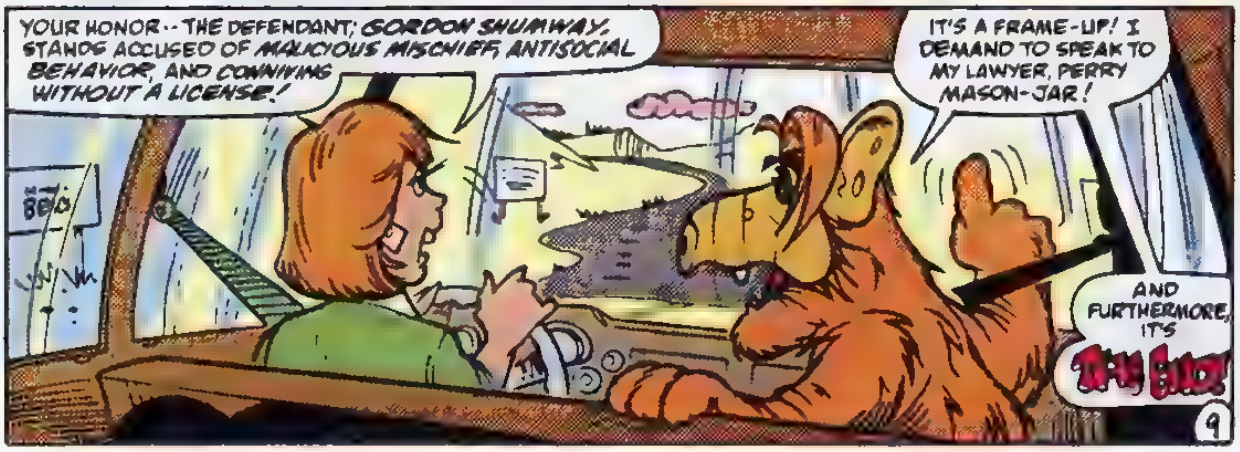

MINUTES LATER...
LYNN-- DID YOU FIND THE SUIT ALF BROUGHT YOU?
YES... THANKS, ALPMEISTER!
*"NO PROBLEM" IN FERENGI DIALECT -- ED.


LOOK! IT'S THE BIKINI I BOUGHT AT THE MALL!
WHY, SO IT IS!
AND IT LOOKS GREAT, KID! YOU'LL BE THE NEXT MELMACALYN SMITH!


I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE PARTY BEFORE THEY MISS ME!
HMMM BYE!
SEE YOU LATER-- THANKS AGAIN!
HASTA LA VITTLES!
SPLASH!


COME ALONG, KATIE-BAR-THE-DOOR! AREN'T YOU GLAD THIS WHOLE BATHING SUIT THING IS OVER?
OH, BUT IT'S NOT!


THERE'S ONE LAST SUIT...
A LAWSUIT!
OH, NO! KATE'S KANGAROO COURT'S IN SESSION!


YOUR HONOR-- THE DEFENDANT, GORDON SHUMWAY, STANDS ACCUSED OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR, AND CONNIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE!
IT'S A FRAME-UP! I DEMAND TO SPEAK TO MY LAWYER, PERRY MASON-JAR!
AND FURTHERMORE, IT'S
TRUE!

ALF is The Alfstrologer!

248,961... 248,962... 248,963...
248 HEY! BRIAN "THE LION" BORN!
HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

BIP!

BIP!

BIF!

BAP!

NOT SO HOT, ALF... I'M WORRIED!

REPORT CARDS COME OUT TOMORROW AND I THINK I DID REAL BAD IN MATH!

HAVE NO FEAR, THE ALFMEISTER IS HERE! STEP INTO MY PRIVATE OFFICE, MR. TANNER-SON!

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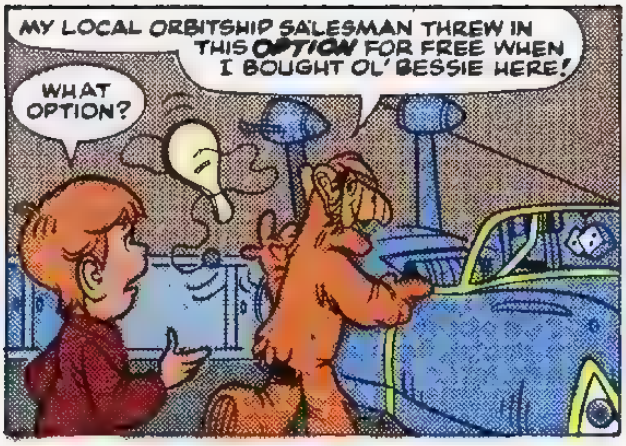
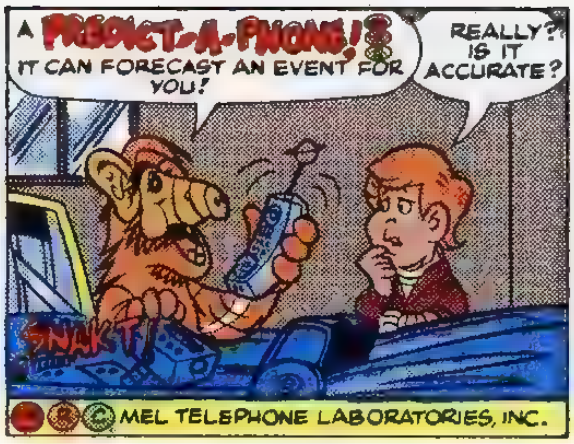
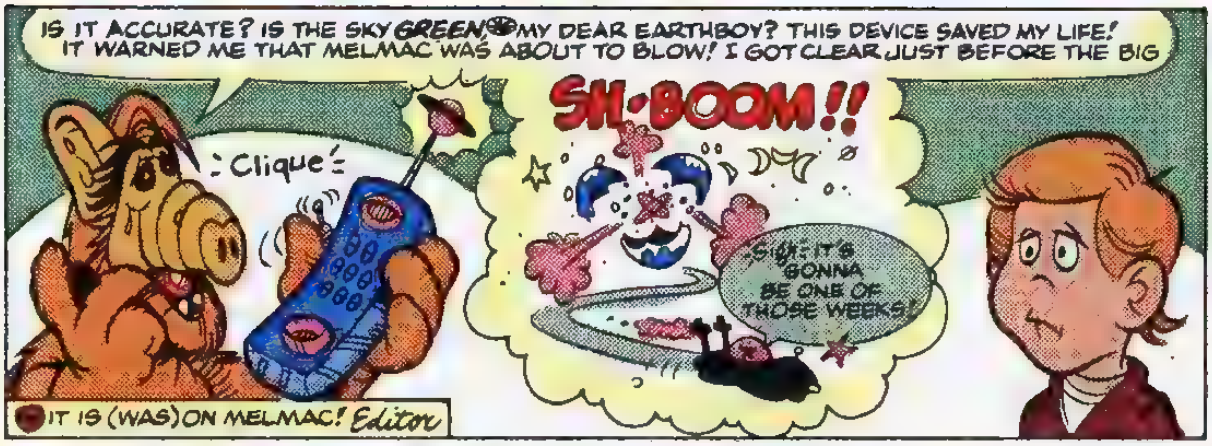
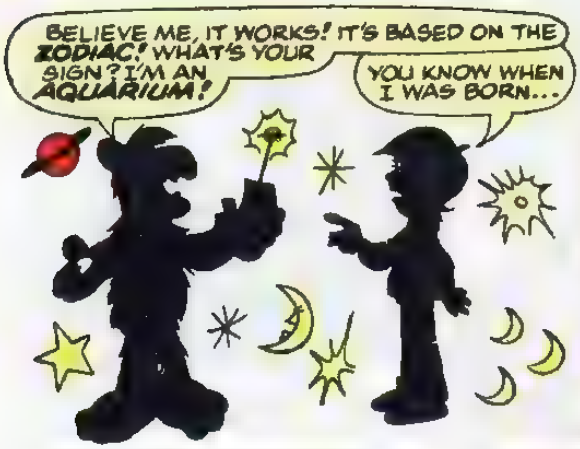
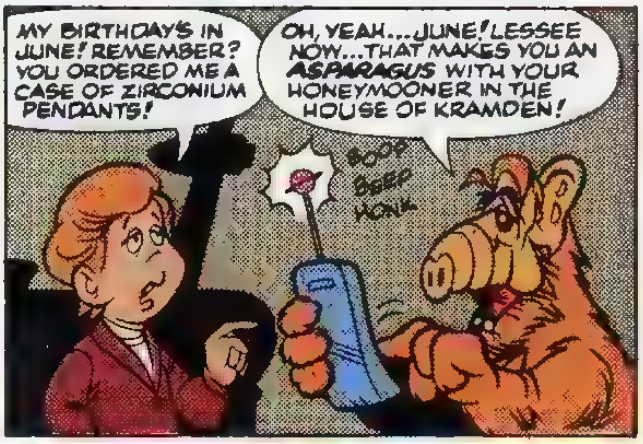
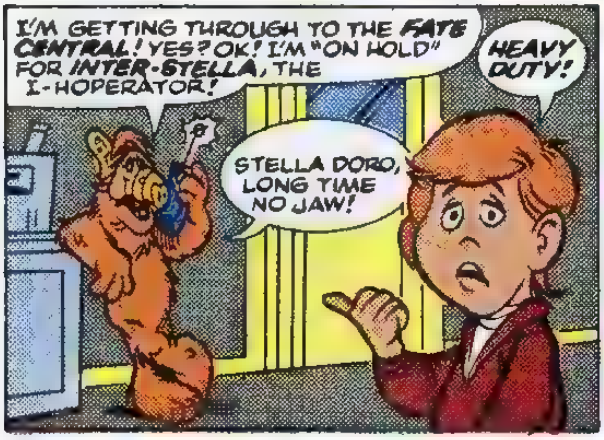

MY LOCAL ORBITSHIP SALESMAN THREW IN THIS OPTION FOR FREE WHEN I BOUGHT OL' BESSIE HERE!
WHAT OPTION?

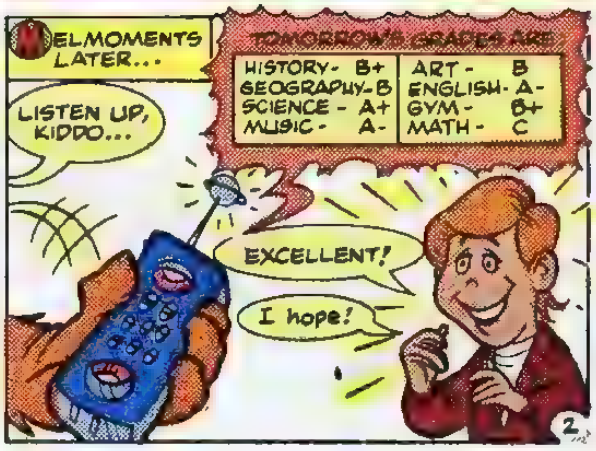

A PROJECT-A-PHONE!
IT CAN FORECAST AN EVENT FOR YOU!
REALLY? IS IT ACCURATE?
SNAKT!
MEL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, INC.


IS IT ACCURATE? IS THE SKY GREEN, MY DEAR EARTHBOY? THIS DEVICE SAVED MY LIFE! IT WARNED ME THAT MELMAC WAS ABOUT TO BLOW! I GOT CLEAR JUST BEFORE THE BIG
:Clique:
SH-BOOM!!
:SIGH: IT'S GONNA BE ONE OF THOSE WEEKS!
IT IS (WAS) ON MELMAC! Editor


BELIEVE ME, IT WORKS! IT'S BASED ON THE ZODIAC! WHAT'S YOUR SIGN? I'M AN AQUARIUM!
YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS BORN...


MY BIRTHDAY'S IN JUNE! REMEMBER? YOU ORDERED ME A CASE OF ZIRCONIUM PENDANTS!
OH, YEAH... JUNE! LESSEE NOW... THAT MAKES YOU AN ASPARAGUS WITH YOUR HONEYMOONER IN THE HOUSE OF KRAMDEN!
BOOP BEEP HONK


I'M GETTING THROUGH TO THE FATE CENTRAL! YES? OK! I'M "ON HOLD" FOR INTER-STELLA, THE I-HOPERATOR!
HEAVY DUTY!
STELLA DORO, LONG TIME NO JAW!


MELMOMENTS LATER...
LISTEN UP, KIDDO...
TOMORROW'S GRADES ARE
HISTORY - B+
GEOGRAPHY - B
SCIENCE - A+
MUSIC - A-
ART - B
ENGLISH - A-
GYM - B+
MATH - C
EXCELLENT!
I hope!
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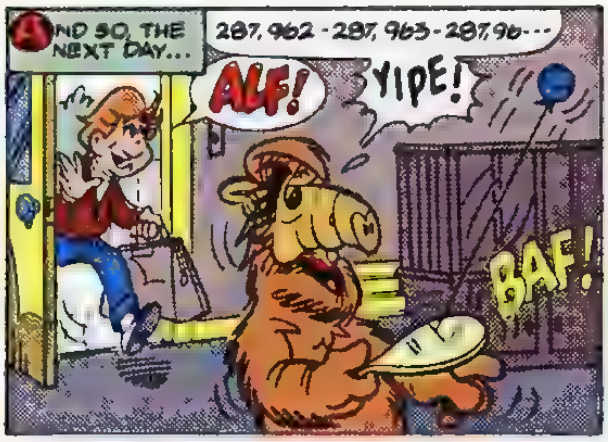
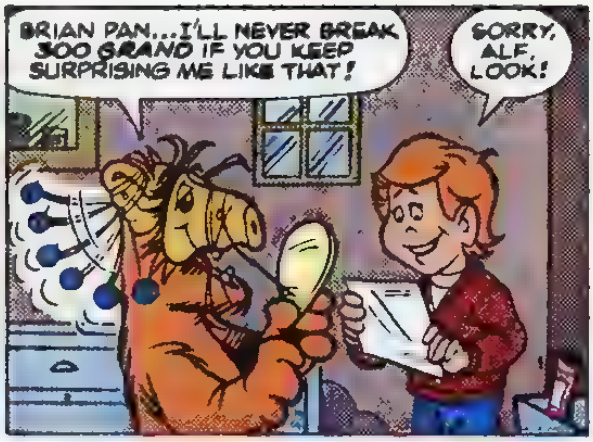
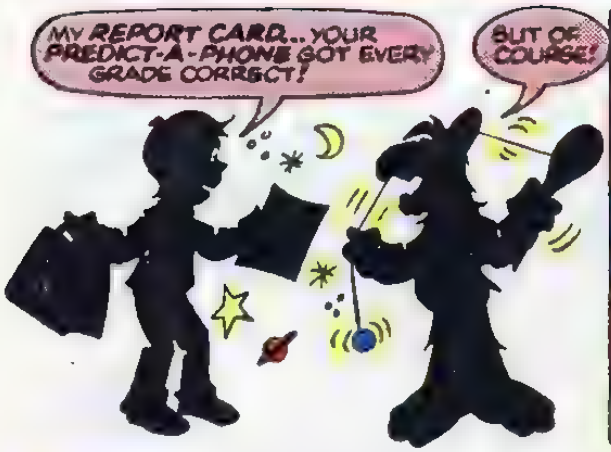
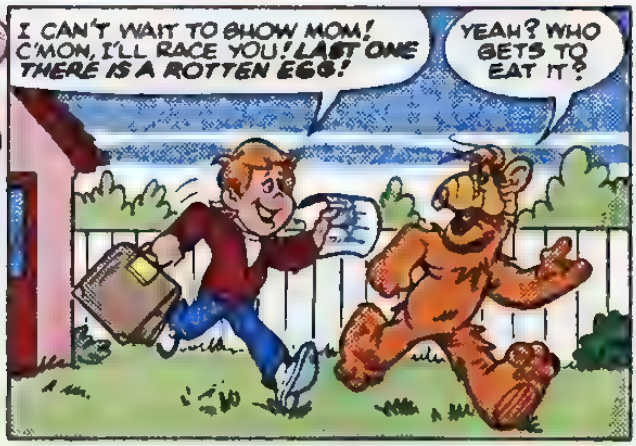

AND SO, THE NEXT DAY...
287,962 - 287,963 - 287,96---
ALF!
YIPE!
BAF!


BRIAN PAN... I'LL NEVER BREAK 300 GRAND IF YOU KEEP SURPRISING ME LIKE THAT!
SORRY, ALF, LOOK!


MY REPORT CARD... YOUR PREDICT-A-PHONE GOT EVERY GRADE CORRECT!
BUT OF COURSE!


I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW MOM! C'MON, I'LL RACE YOU! LAST ONE THERE IS A ROTTEN EGG!
YEAH? WHO GETS TO EAT IT?

SOON...
NOT BAD AT ALL, BRIAN! WE'LL WORK ON THE MATH, BUT OVERALL, I'D SAY YOU'RE DOING FINE!
DON'T WORRY, KATE... I CAN TELL HOW HE'LL DO!

WHERE'S DAD? I WANT TO SHOW HIM!
HE'S GETTING READY TO GO TO THE SANTA ANITA RACETRACK WITH HIS OFFICE STAFF!
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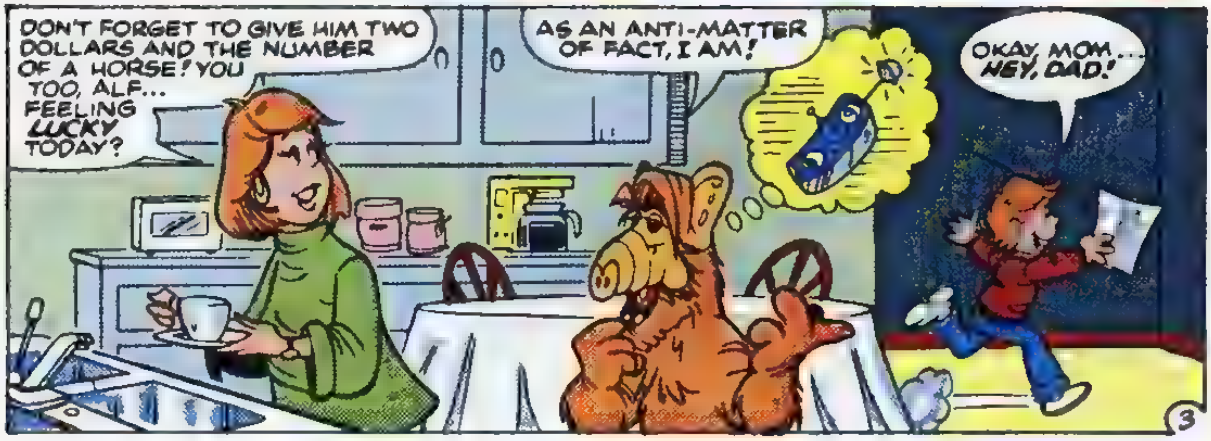
DON'T FORGET TO GIVE HIM TWO DOLLARS AND THE NUMBER OF A HORSE! YOU TOO, ALF... FEELING LUCKY TODAY?
AS AN ANTI-MATTER OF FACT, I AM!
OKAY, MOM... HEY, DAD!
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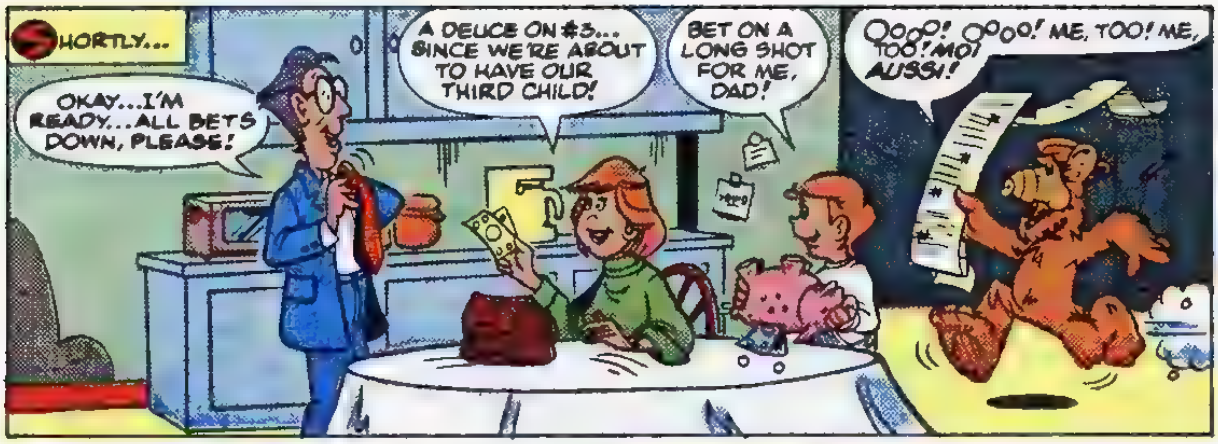
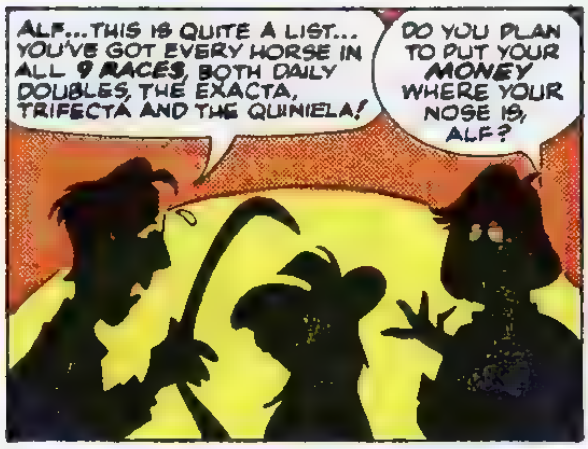
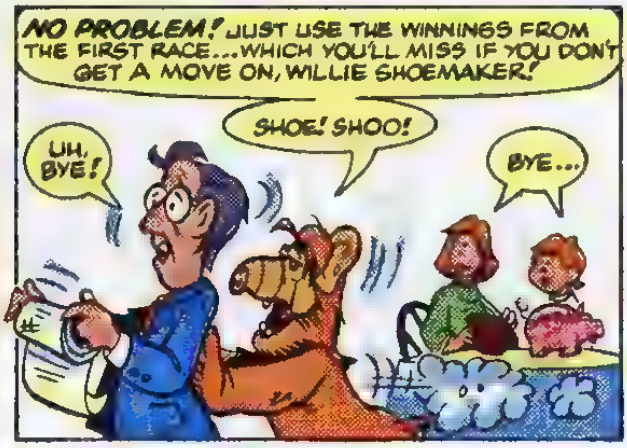
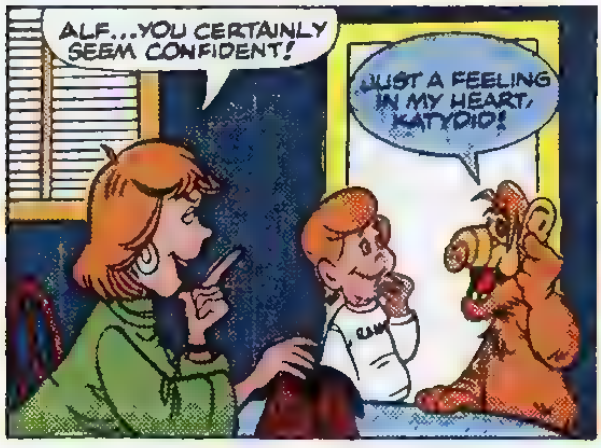
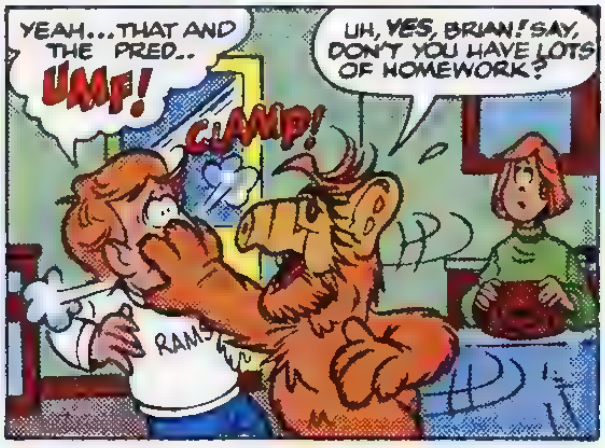
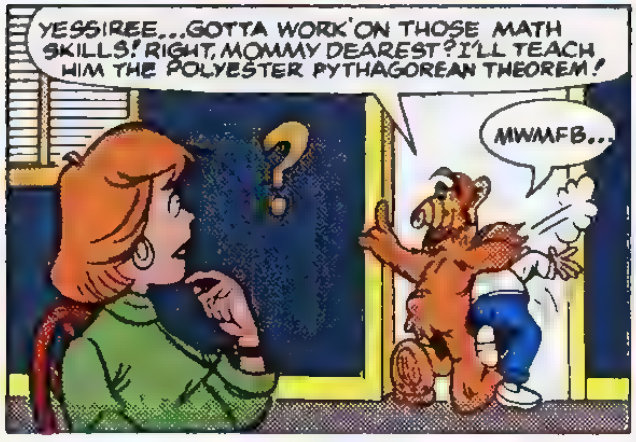

SHORTLY...
OKAY...I'M READY...ALL BETS DOWN, PLEASE!
A DEUCE ON #3... SINCE WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE OUR THIRD CHILD!
BET ON A LONG SHOT FOR ME, DAD!
OOOO! OOOO! ME, TOO! ME, TOO! MOI AUSSI!

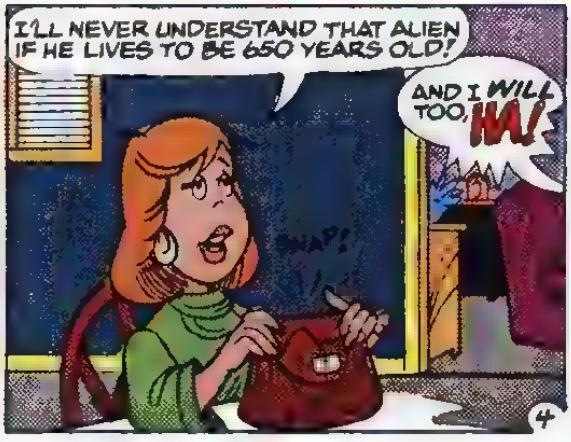

ALF...THIS IS QUITE A LIST... YOU'VE GOT EVERY HORSE IN ALL 9 RACES, BOTH DAILY DOUBLES, THE EXACTA, TRIFECTA AND THE QUINIELA!
DO YOU PLAN TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR NOSE IS, ALF?


NO PROBLEM! JUST USE THE WINNINGS FROM THE FIRST RACE...WHICH YOU'LL MISS IF YOU DON'T GET A MOVE ON, WILLIE SHOEMAKER!
SHOE! SHOO!
UH, BYE!
BYE...


ALF...YOU CERTAINLY SEEM CONFIDENT!
JUST A FEELING IN MY HEART, KATYDID!


YEAH...THAT AND THE PRED..
UMF!
CLAMP!
UH, YES, BRIAN! SAY, DON'T YOU HAVE LOTS OF HOMEWORK?


YESSIREE...GOTTA WORK ON THOSE MATH SKILLS! RIGHT, MOMMY DEAREST? I'LL TEACH HIM THE POLYESTER PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM!
?
MWMFB...


I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT ALIEN IF HE LIVES TO BE 650 YEARS OLD!
AND I WILL TOO, HA!
SNAP!
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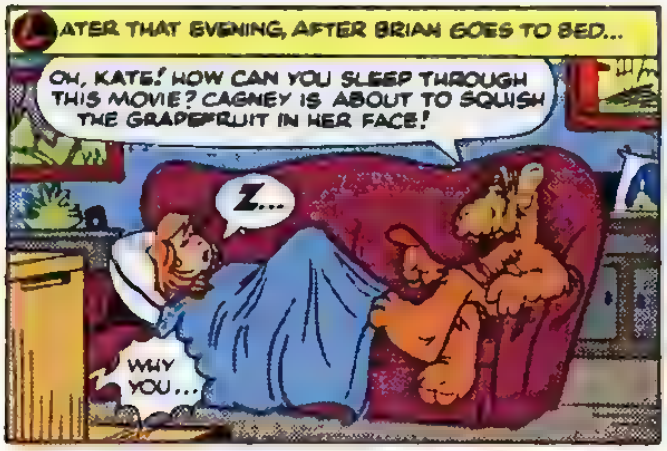
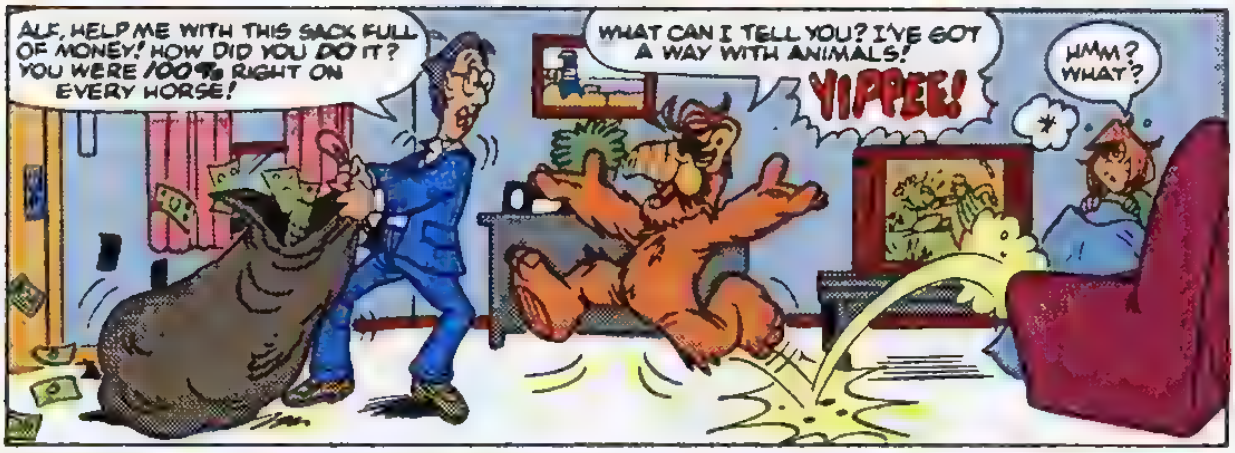
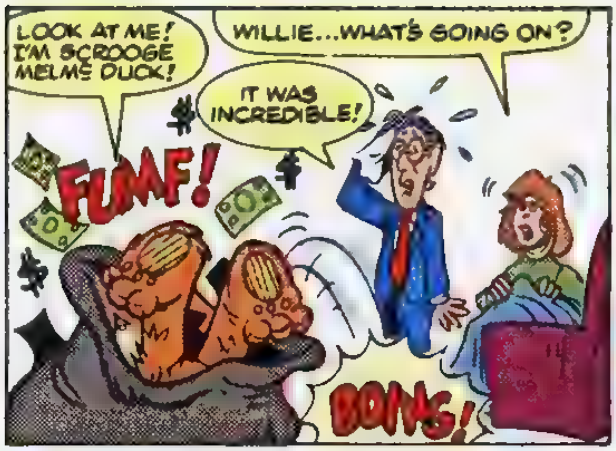
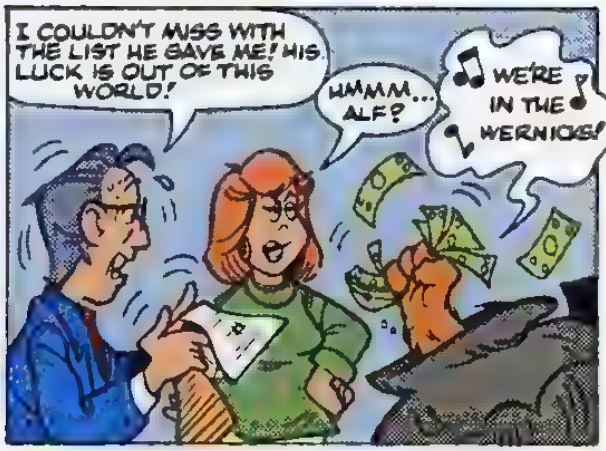
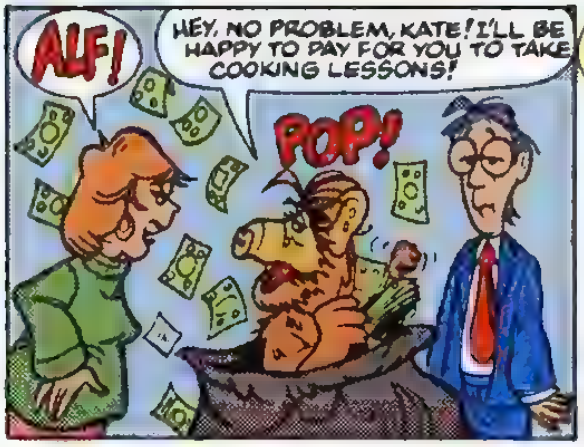

LATER THAT EVENING, AFTER BRIAN GOES TO BED...
OH, KATE! HOW CAN YOU SLEEP THROUGH THIS MOVIE? CAGNEY IS ABOUT TO SQUISH THE GRAPEFRUIT IN HER FACE!
Z...
WHY YOU...

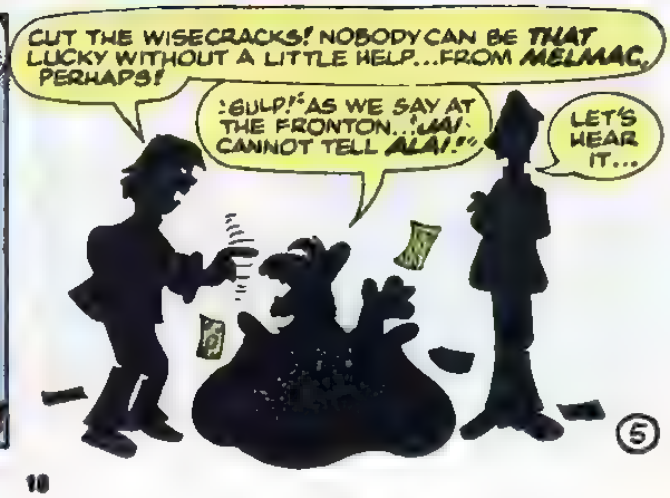
THERE IT GOES! OH, WHAT A WASTE OF INDIAN RIVER CITRUS! OH, THE INHUMANITY!
ALF!
WILLIE'S HOME!
SPLAT!


ALF, HELP ME WITH THIS SACK FULL OF MONEY! HOW DID YOU DO IT? YOU WERE 100% RIGHT ON EVERY HORSE!
WHAT CAN I TELL YOU? I'VE GOT A WAY WITH ANIMALS!
YIPPEE!
HMM? WHAT?


LOOK AT ME! I'M SCROOGE MELMS DUCK!
WILLIE...WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT WAS INCREDIBLE!
FUMF!
BOING!


I COULDN'T MISS WITH THE LIST HE GAVE ME! HIS LUCK IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!
HMMM... ALF?
WE'RE IN THE WERNICKE!


ALF!
HEY, NO PROBLEM, KATE! I'LL BE HAPPY TO PAY FOR YOU TO TAKE COOKING LESSONS!
POP!


CUT THE WISECRACKS! NOBODY CAN BE THAT LUCKY WITHOUT A LITTLE HELP...FROM MELMAC, PERHAPS!
"GULP!" AS WE SAY AT THE FRONTON. "ALF CANNOT TELL ALA!"
LET'S HEAR IT...
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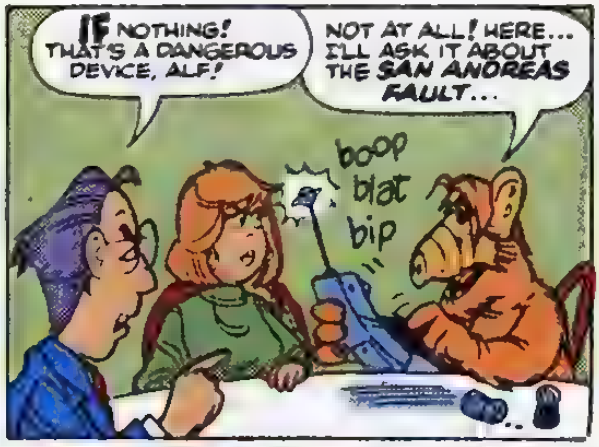
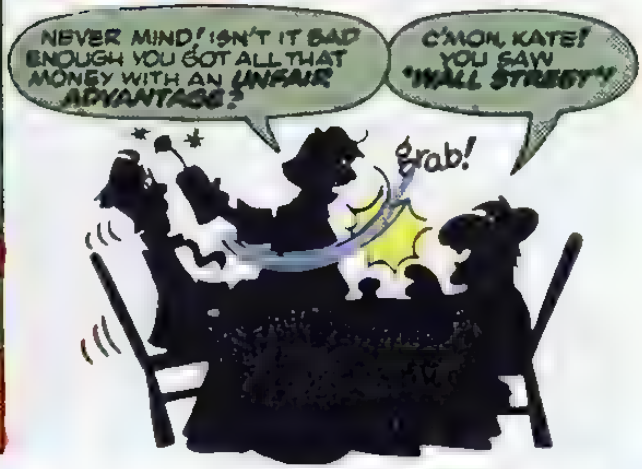
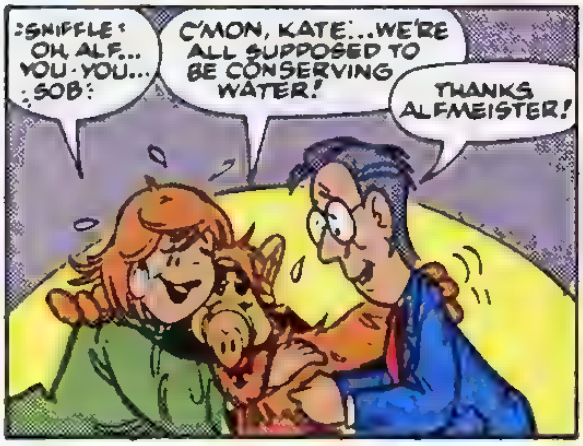
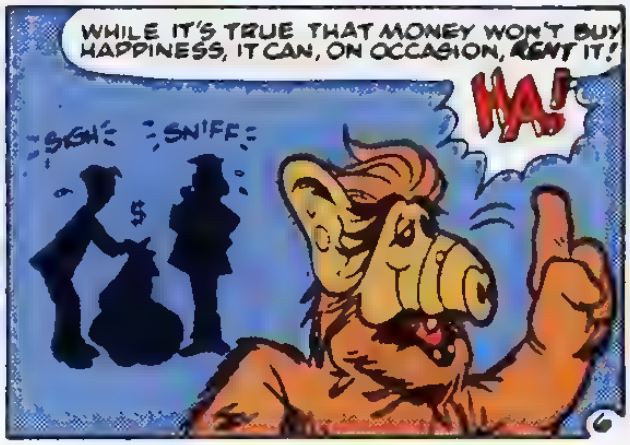
ONE FULL CONFESSION LATER...
SO THIS GADGET OF YOURS CAN PREDICT ANYTHING YOU ASK IT?
YOU BET! YOU WANNA KNOW IF THE DODGERS WILL REPEAT? IF THE RADISHES I ATE WILL REPEAT? IF...
CLIQUE

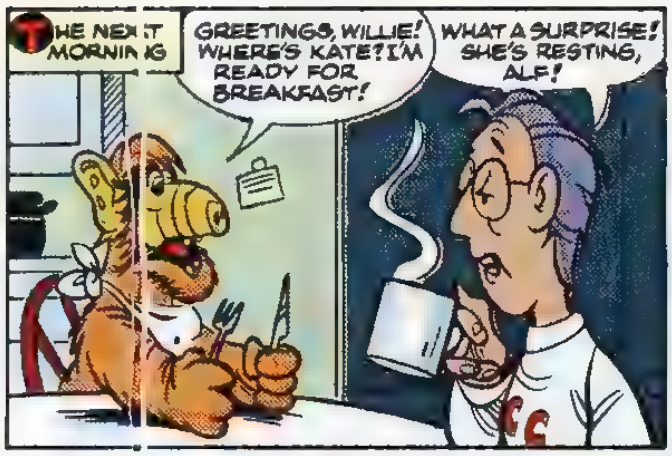

IF NOTHING! THAT'S A DANGEROUS DEVICE, ALF!
NOT AT ALL! HERE... I'LL ASK IT ABOUT THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT...
boop
blat
bip

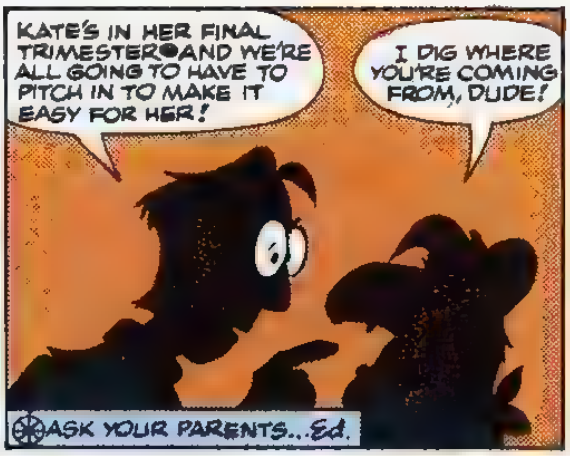

NEVER MIND! ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH YOU GOT ALL THAT MONEY WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE?
C'MON, KATE! YOU SAW "WALL STREET"
grab!

BESIDES, I HAD MY REASONS! LOOK AT THE EXPENSES I'VE INCURRED IN MY BRIEF STAY HERE...MONEY BETTER SPENT ON THE STORK'S UPCOMING DELIVERY! I WANT YOU TO ACCEPT THIS AS A GIFT FROM ME, OKAY?
gulp!
WHAT?.. OH, ALF!...

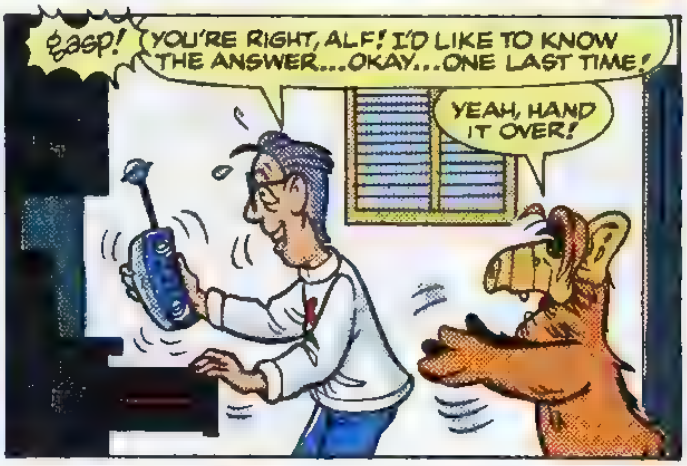

:SNIFFLE: OH, ALF... YOU-YOU... :SOB:
C'MON, KATE...WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE CONSERVING WATER!
THANKS ALFMEISTER!


WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT MONEY WON'T BUY HAPPINESS, IT CAN, ON OCCASION, RENT IT!
HA!
:SGH:
:SNIFF:

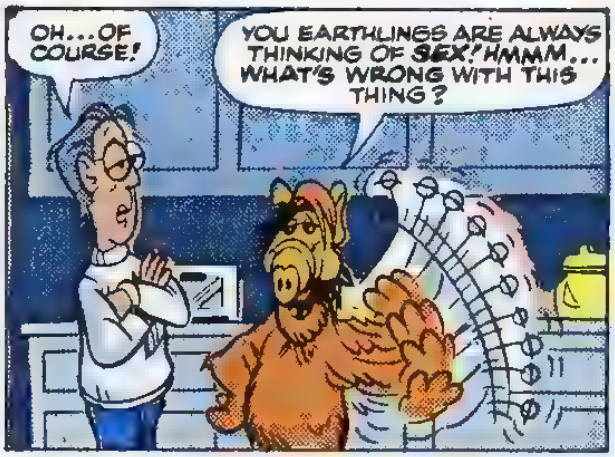

THE NEXT MORNING
GREETINGS, WILLIE! WHERE'S KATE? I'M READY FOR BREAKFAST!
WHAT A SURPRISE! SHE'S RESTING, ALF!

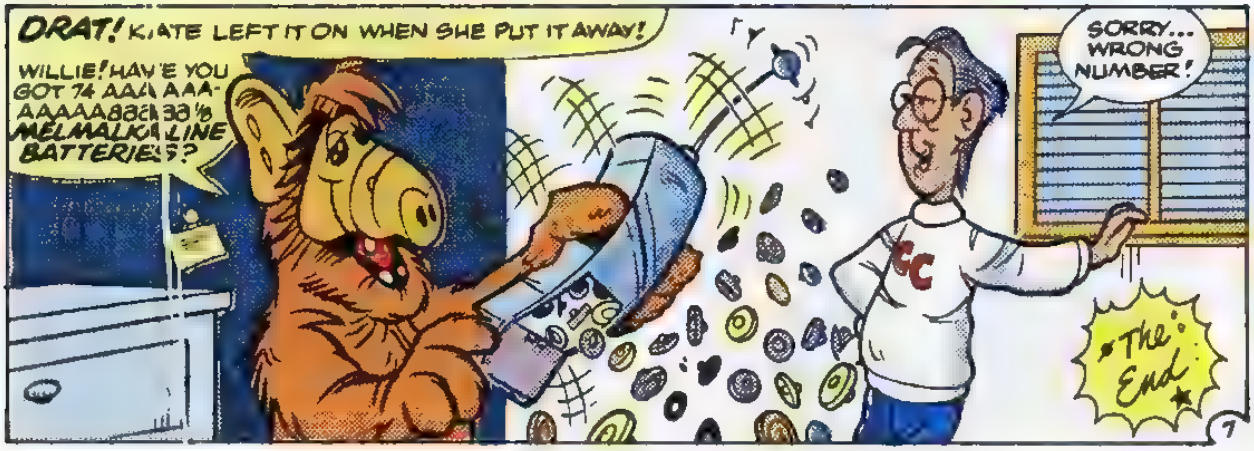

KATE'S IN HER FINAL TRIMESTER AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO PITCH IN TO MAKE IT EASY FOR HER!
I DIG WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, DUDE!
ASK YOUR PARENTS...Ed.

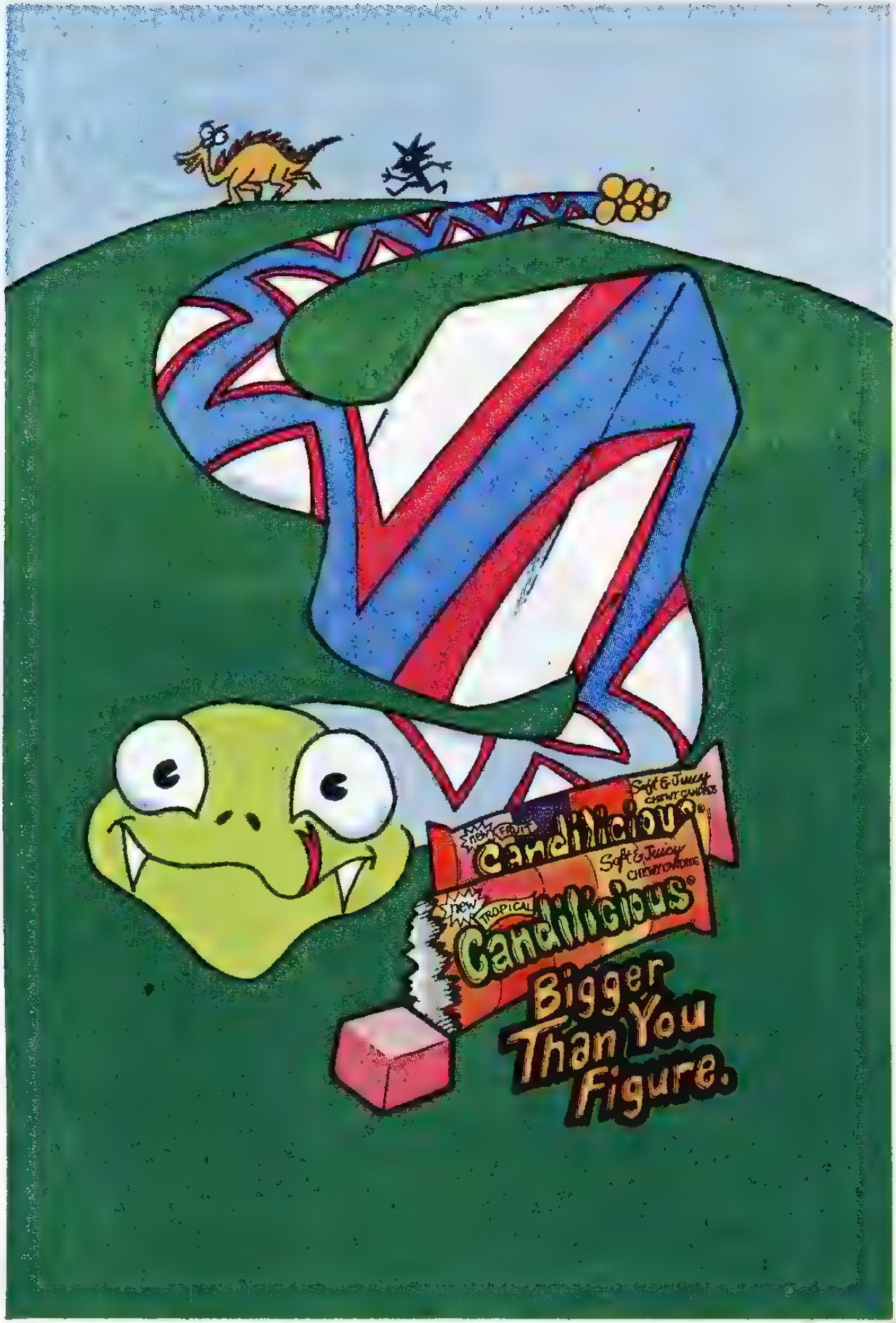
SPEAKING OF THE BAMBINO, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO ASK THE PREDICT-A-PHONE THE BIG QUESTION ABOUT HIM OR HER?...


gasp!
YOU'RE RIGHT, ALF! I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE ANSWER...OKAY...ONE LAST TIME!
YEAH, HAND IT OVER!

THIS IS GREAT! I'LL KNOW IF IT'S A BOY OR GIRL!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT? I WANT TO KNOW IF HE OR SHE WILL BAT RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED!
bzzzz... hmm...


OH...OF COURSE!
YOU EARTHLINGS ARE ALWAYS THINKING OF SEX! HMMM... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS THING?


DRAT! KATE LEFT IT ON WHEN SHE PUT IT AWAY!
WILLIE! HAVE YOU GOT 74 AAA AAA-AAAAAAAAA 33 1/8 MELMALKOLINE BATTERIES?
SORRY... WRONG NUMBER!
The End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Dear ALF,

I'm a VERY BIG FAN of yours. I collect everything of yours that comes out in the stores.

At school I talk about you and your show and comic books so much that my friends are starting to make NOOSES! I need your advice. What should I do?

Your biggest fan,

Kenneth Sewell
Columbus, OH

Ah, more proof that the ignorant masses still exist! Try to have patience, Kenneth--obviously your friends are among the unenlightened. We recommend you keep talking about ALF, in hopes that your friends will see their error. We also recommend that you always wear sneakers--the kind that will let you run *very fast.*

(On the other hand, perhaps you should make new friends? After all, if you really are a big fan, maybe you need to *circulate* more, eh? HA!)

Dear ALF,

I have a really major problem. It's like this... I come home from a hard day of school, on a Friday. I go to my room, and all these little kids that my sister baby-sits had destroyed my room! Two of my dinosaur models were destroyed, and my best model airplane had a wing broken off. When the kids' mother came, she asked my sister to baby-sit again. And I said, "At your house?" She said, "No, at *your* house."

Alf, my sister does not baby-sit, she does not care what happens, so I am the one who has to baby-sit. And she gets paid for talking on the phone!

Now what do I do?

Brandon Montgomery
Dyesburg, TN

Brandon, if you had access to Melmacian technology, you could invite the little hoodlums (oops--we mean *darling children*, of course!) to a celebration of "Eat Off the Floor Day," as in Ish #9. That would take them out of your way (though you'd need to have corn on hand). Or you could give them anti-gravity belts (as last seen in #16, "Return of the Fantastic Fur!"). Then you could just bid them adieu and hope for a strong wind.

Aliens being rare as they are, however, you'll probably have to settle for a lock on your door.

And one last bit of advice, for the sake of peace and self-preservation? Don't show this letter to your sister!

Dear ALF,

Howdy! What's new with Willie? I decided to write because I love your magazine.

But my cats are afraid of you, oh, yes! I have four scrumptious cats--one big fat grey one and three tabbies (your favorite flavor). I'd send you a picture, but you might eat it. I decided to write to you on cat paper instead.

I've always wondered where you get your jokes from. Could you give me a few?

Pauline Millard,
Puffy, Smokey, Modesty, and Felicia
Norwalk, CT

That's true, Alf is *always* joking. Especially when it comes to cats. Ha, ha! He really *loves* kitties.

NOW
NOT TO BE MISSED!

RESERVE IT TODAY!

Dear Alfmeister,

In ALF #14 ("Sometimes the Tooth Hurts"), I noticed that Lucky nearly took your head off. Notice that I said "nearly." Lucky is, after all, just an ordinary tabby. If you want to keep your head, you'd best steer clear of Siamese cats. For example, my Siamese, Dragon Lady, is the orneriest, butt-kickin'est cat on this or any other planet. Mess with her, and she's likely to end up having a genuine, Malmacian fur bed rug. The Siamese is a cat with a vengeance, as every Siamese kitten is born with an instinctive mastery of the ancient Siamese martial art of Kung Mew. Beware, O Salty Sage from Melmac!!

Live long and prosper,

Don Lewis
Fortuna, CA
and
Dragon Lady
High Council of the Imperial Siamese

Don, you are *mighty* optimistic! Fortunately, Alf is committed to the idea of intergalactic peace and good will (particularly in California). Otherwise, you and Dragon Lady might have received a direct challenge in return--and we'll bet the result would *not* have been printable!

Dear ALF,

Hi! I'm sorry, but I live in Hachita, New Mexico. And in Hachita, unless you have a satellite or something, you only get one channel (7). So I don't get to watch any ALF shows. I hope I get to soon.

I do get your ALF cards and comic books a lot. My dad even reads them. My mom and cat don't, though. My mom buys them and my cat sleeps on them.

Sara Vitori
Hachita, NM

Guess your cat likes to sleep dangerously, eh, Sara?

Well, let's hope New Mexico wises up soon--you're missing some great TV! In the meantime, it sounds as if your family is getting into the Melmacian spirit anyway. And you know what they say--the family that reads ALF together weeds alfalfa together... or *something* like that...

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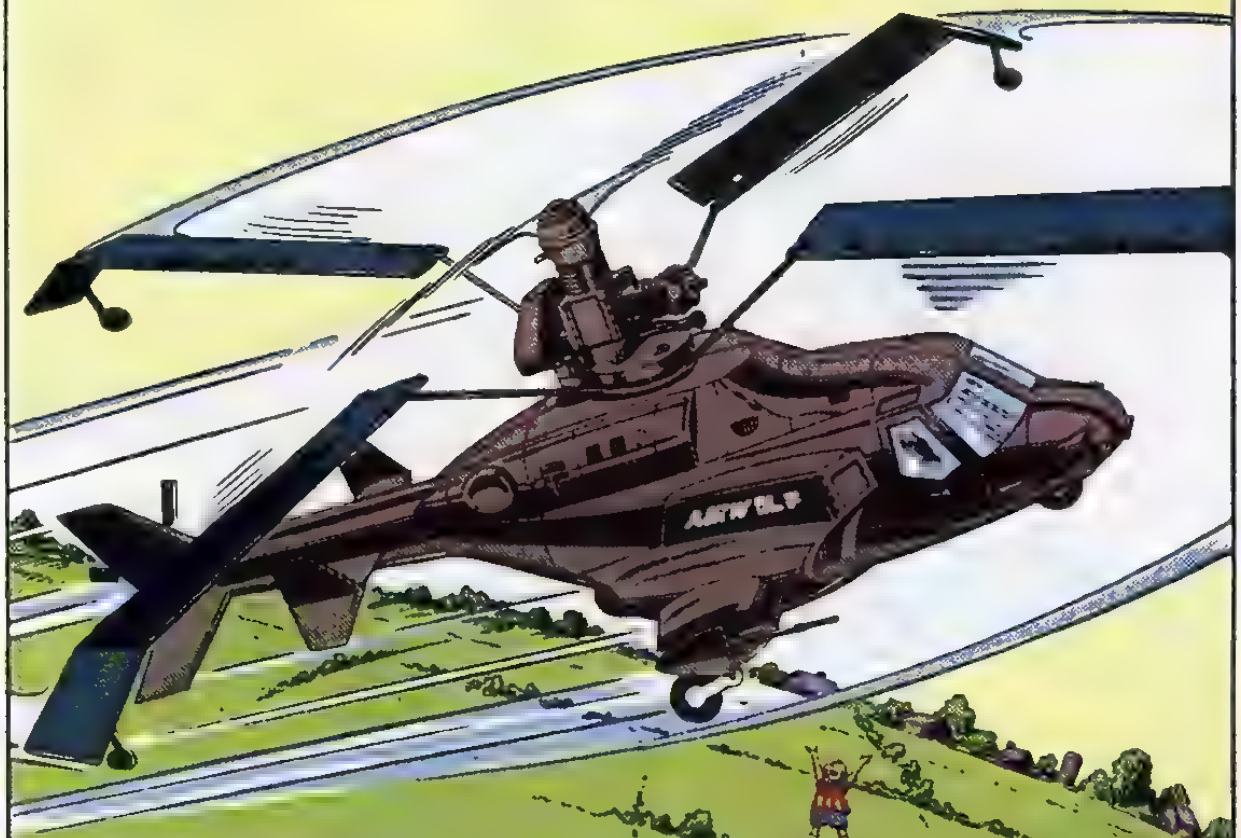

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ALF in CITIZEN SUGAR KANE!

WHO SHOULD WE WATCH, ALF?... OPRAH, GERALDO, MORT OR PHIL?

PHOOEY! AMATEURS! THEY NEVER EARNED THEIR STRIPES AS REPORTERS LIKE I DID!

GALLAGHER/MANAK/ROETTCHER

YOU? A REPORTER,?

SURE, LOIS-LYNN! BACK ON MELMAC, I COVERED THE BEAT FOR

THE Daily Tribune

>sigh< A "MELMAC FLASHBACK"... OH, WELL, MY NUMBER WAS BOUND TO COME UP!

I REPORTED THE STORY OF THE CENTURY.. "THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF ORSON MELLES!"

NOBODY MOURNED THE FORMER BUSINESS TYCOON! AS HE LEFT THE MELMORTAL VALE, A GRIMY BOUILLABASE-BALL SLIPPED FROM HIS HAND AND MELLES WHISPERED A SINGLE WORD...

Rosebud...

Hmm

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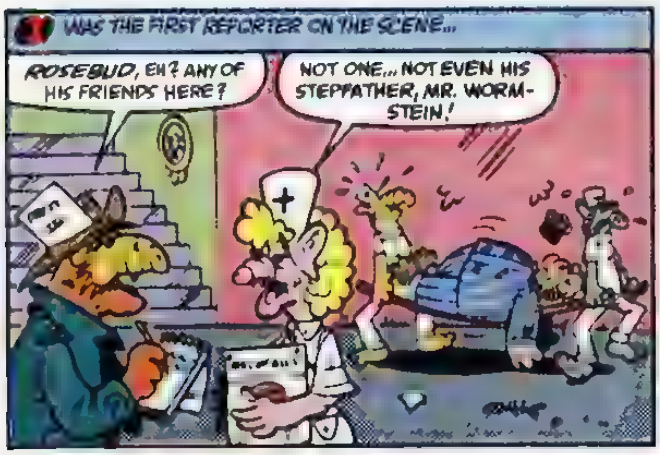
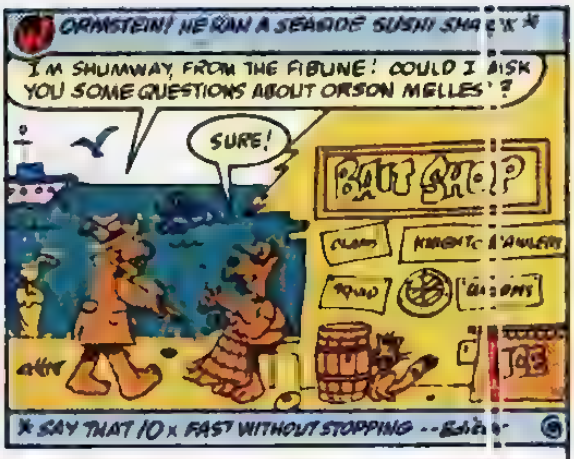
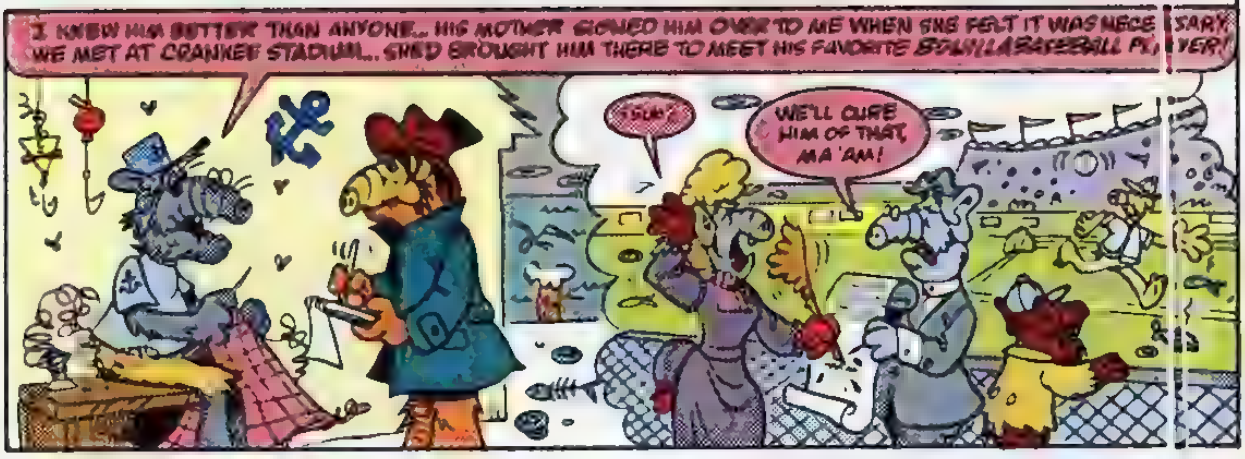
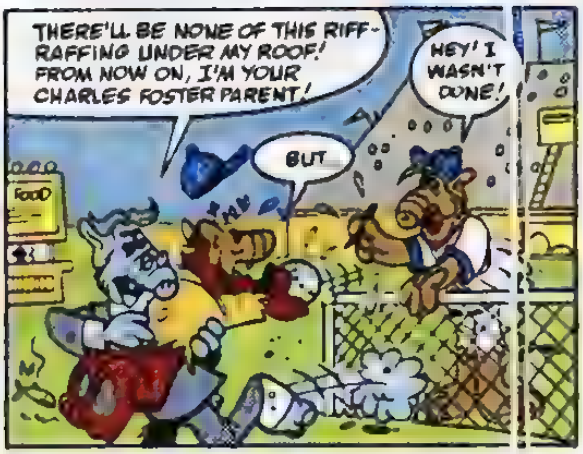
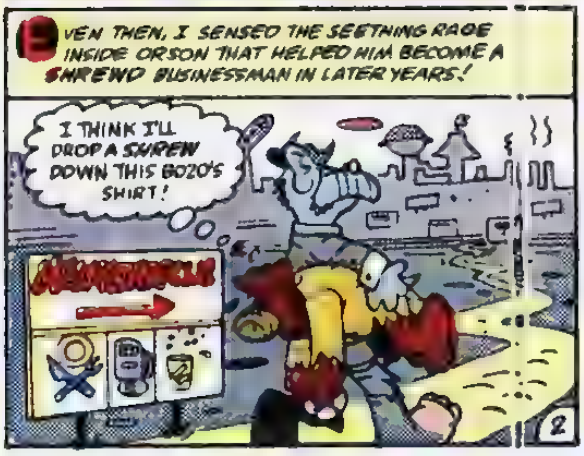

WAS THE FIRST REPORTER ON THE SCENE...
ROSEBUD, EH? ANY OF HIS FRIENDS HERE?
NOT ONE... NOT EVEN HIS STEPFATHER, MR. WORMSTEIN!


ORMSTEIN! HE RAN A SEASIDE SUSHI SHACK*
I'M SHUMWAY, FROM THE TRIBUNE! COULD I ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT ORSON MELLES'?
SURE!
BAIT SHOP
* SAY THAT 10 x FAST WITHOUT STOPPING --Editor


I KNEW HIM BETTER THAN ANYONE... HIS MOTHER GIVEN HIM OVER TO ME WHEN SHE FELT IT WAS NECESSARY. WE MET AT CRANKER STADIUM... SHE'D BROUGHT HIM THERE TO MEET HIS FAVORITE BOLVILLA BASEBALL PLAYER!
"SLAM"
WE'LL CURE HIM OF THAT, MA'AM!

DO WHAT YOU WILL... HE'S YOURS NOW! HU HU HU HU HU!
SIGN THIS FOR ME?
SURE KID!
ORSON!


THERE'LL BE NONE OF THIS RIFF-RAFFING UNDER MY ROOF! FROM NOW ON, I'M YOUR CHARLES FOSTER PARENT!
HEY! I WASN'T DONE!
BUT
FOOD


EVEN THEN, I SENSED THE SEETHING RAGE INSIDE ORSON THAT HELPED HIM BECOME A SHREWD BUSINESSMAN IN LATER YEARS!
I THINK I'LL DROP A SHREW DOWN THIS BOZO'S SHIRT!
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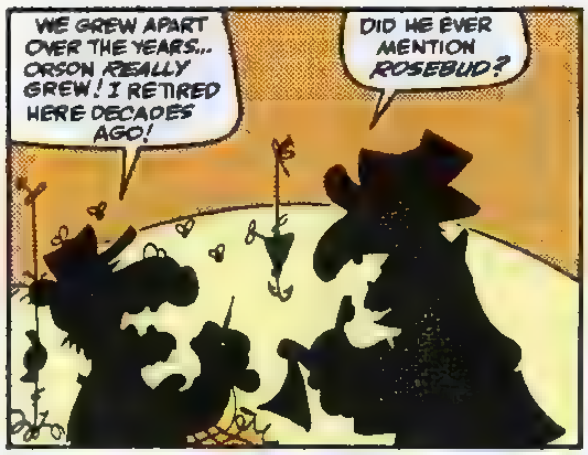
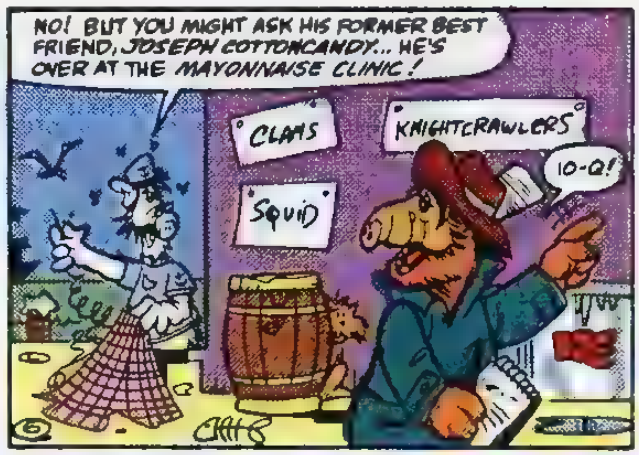
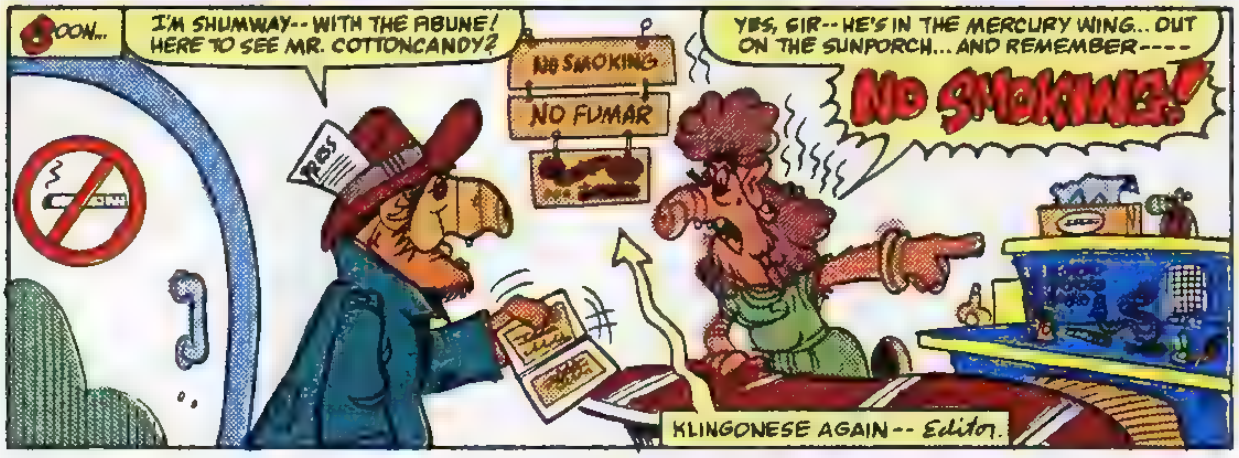
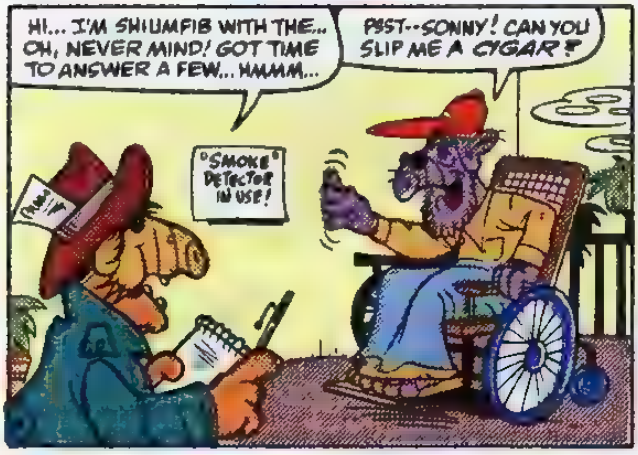

WE GREW APART OVER THE YEARS... ORSON REALLY GREW! I RETIRED HERE DECADES AGO!
DID HE EVER MENTION ROSEBUD?


NO! BUT YOU MIGHT ASK HIS FORMER BEST FRIEND, JOSEPH COTTONCANDY... HE'S OVER AT THE MAYONNAISE CLINIC!
CLAMS
KNIGHTCRAWLERS
SQUID
10-Q!


BOOM...
I'M SHUMWAY-- WITH THE FIBUNE! HERE TO SEE MR. COTTONCANDY?
NO SMOKING
NO FUMAR
YES, SIR-- HE'S IN THE MERCURY WING... OUT ON THE SUNPORCH... AND REMEMBER----
NO SMOKING!
KLINGONESE AGAIN -- Editor.


HI... I'M SHUMFIB WITH THE... OH, NEVER MIND! GOT TIME TO ANSWER A FEW... HMMM...
PSST--SONNY! CAN YOU SLIP ME A CIGAR?
"SMOKE" DETECTOR IN USE!

SORRY, BUT NO! NOW, THEN... ABOUT YOU AND ORSON MELLES...
AH, YES... THOSE WERE THE DAYS-- WHEN YOU COULD GET A GOOD CIGAR!
SMOKERS WILL BE PROSECUTED!
Sigh...

WOTTAYA KNOW? MY MOTHER LEFT ME TWO ZILLION WERNICKS IN HER WILL!
HAVE A CIGAR!
$ 111M
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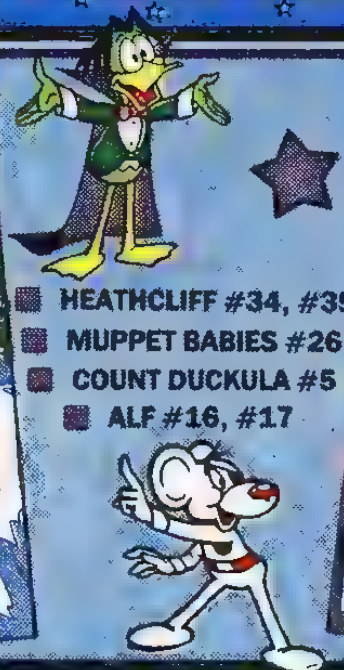
Star Signals

Meet Super-Star: TONY FRANCO

Writer on: FLINTSTONE KIDS.
Marvel freelance credits (past): Penciler on HEATHCLIFF. Writer on HUGGA BUNCH, POPPLES, and FOOFUR.
My hobbies are: Collecting Comics, Movies, especially Horror and Comedy, Reading, Collecting Caps (Hats, not Bottle).
The single work of which I am most proud is: Always the next assignment.
My pet peeves are: Pretentiousness and apathy.
My place of birth is: Union City, New Jersey.
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Receiving my Master's degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay.
My oddest habit is: The ability to put peanut butter and jelly on almost anything edible.
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Michael J. Fox, Dudley Moore, or Mickey Mouse.
The reason I got into comics was: To communicate with people.
People who knew me in High School thought I was: The cartoonist of the class.
My favorite performers are: The Three Stooges, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello.
The last good book I read was: The Honeymooner's Companion.
The last good movie I saw was: Who Framed Roger Rabbit.
The biggest influences on my work include: Jack Kirby, Walt Kelly, Milt Caniff, Al Capp, Walt Disney, Chuck Jones, and Tex Avery.
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To develop my own characters.
The worst part of my job is: Trying to fit in a 36 hour day.
When nobody's looking I like to: Relax.
The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I care.

Checklist



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- MUPPET BABIES #26
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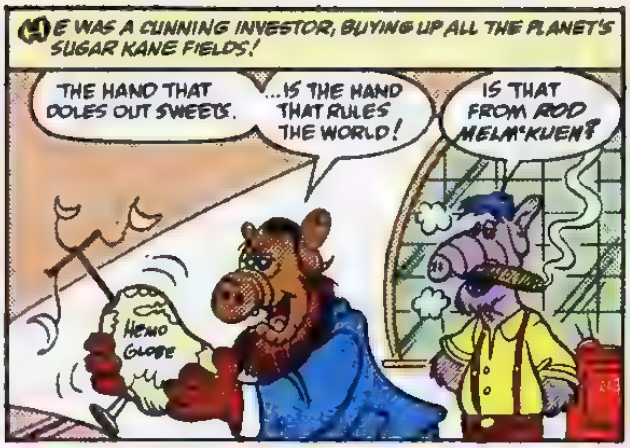
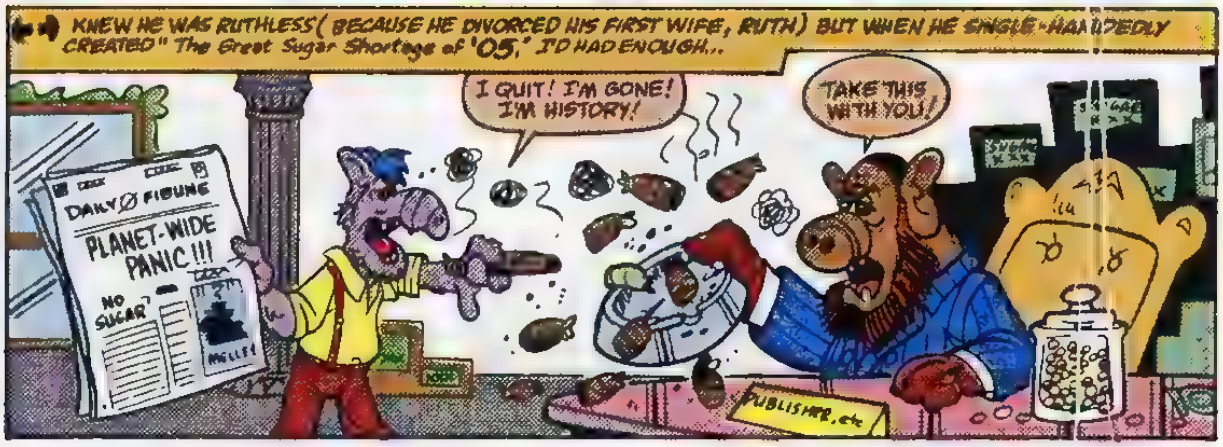
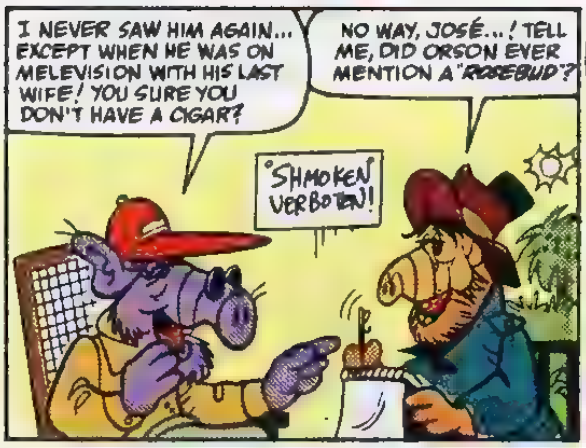
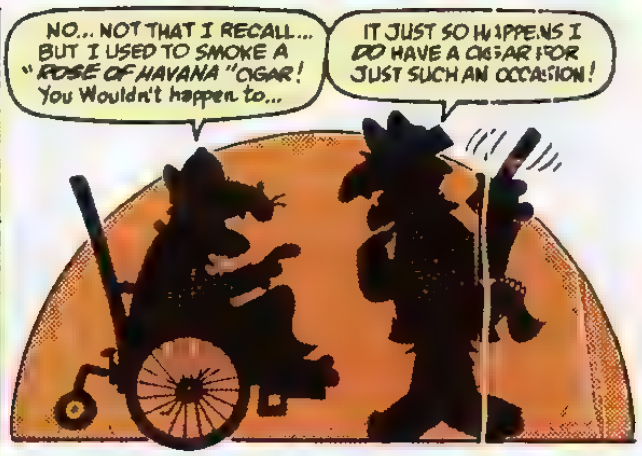
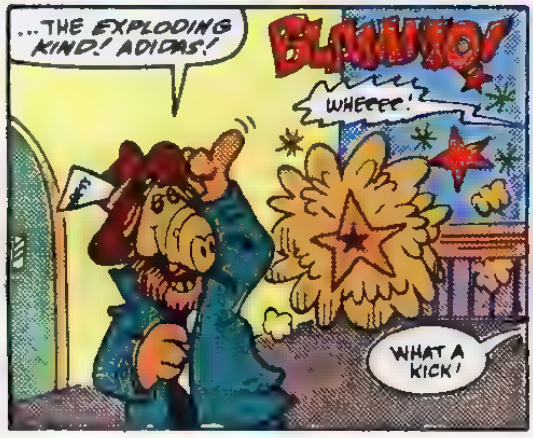

HE WAS A CUNNING INVESTOR, BUYING UP ALL THE PLANET'S SUGAR KANE FIELDS!
THE HAND THAT DOLES OUT SWEETS.
...IS THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD!
IS THAT FROM ROD MELM'KUEN?
HEMO GLOBE

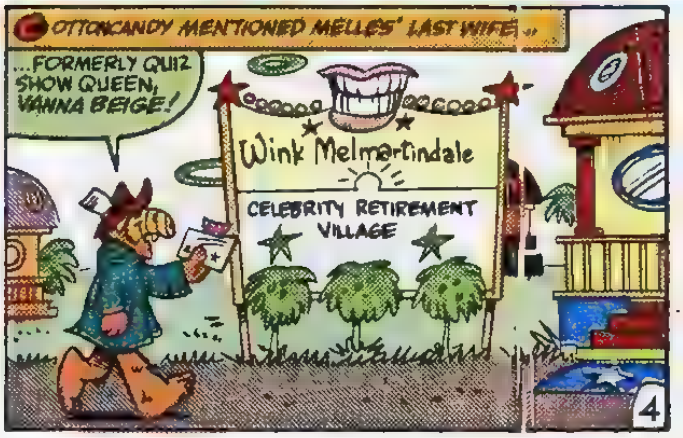
SOON, EVERY CANDY MANUFACTURER ON MELMAC WAS AT MELLES' MERCY FOR THEIR SUGAR!
REMEMBER THAT "DECLARATION OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES" I WROTE YEARS AGO...
YES?
ORP!
IT WAS DELICIOUS!


KNEW HE WAS RUTHLESS (BECAUSE HE DIVORCED HIS FIRST WIFE, RUTH) BUT WHEN HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY CREATED "The Great Sugar Shortage of '05," I'D HAD ENOUGH...
I QUIT! I'M GONE! I'M HISTORY!
TAKE THIS WITH YOU!
DAILY FIBUNE
PLANET-WIDE PANIC!!!
NO SUGAR?
MELLES
PUBLISHER, etc


I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN... EXCEPT WHEN HE WAS ON MELEVISION WITH HIS LAST WIFE! YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE A CIGAR?
NO WAY, JOSÉ...! TELL ME, DID ORSON EVER MENTION A "ROSEBUD"?
"SHMOKEN" VERBOTEN!


NO... NOT THAT I RECALL... BUT I USED TO SMOKE A "ROSE OF HAVANA" CIGAR! You Wouldn't happen to...
IT JUST SO HAPPENS I DO HAVE A CIGAR FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION!


...THE EXPLODING KIND! ADIDAS!
SLAMMO!
WHEEEE!
WHAT A KICK!


COTTONCANDY MENTIONED MELLES' LAST WIFE...
...FORMERLY QUIZ SHOW QUEEN, VANNA BEIGE!
Wink Melmertindale
CELEBRITY RETIREMENT VILLAGE
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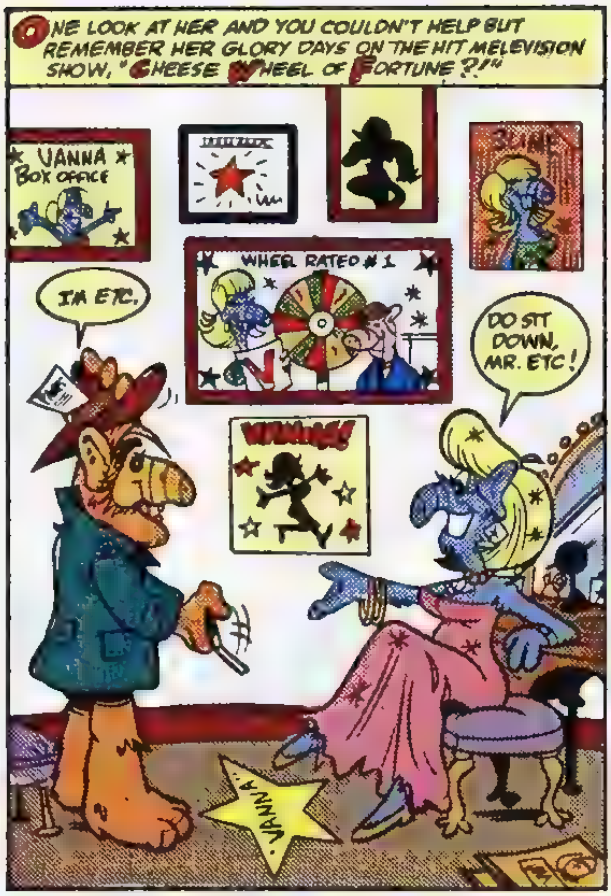
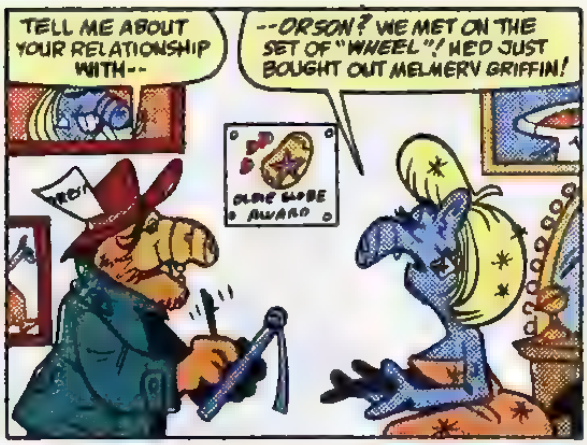
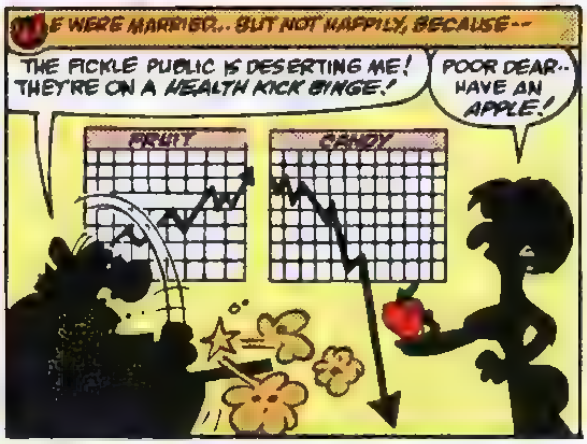
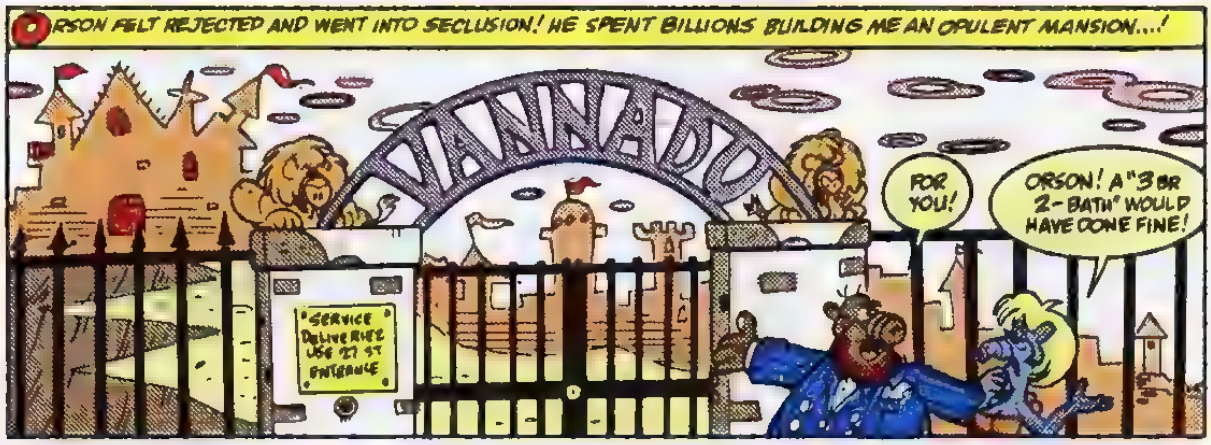
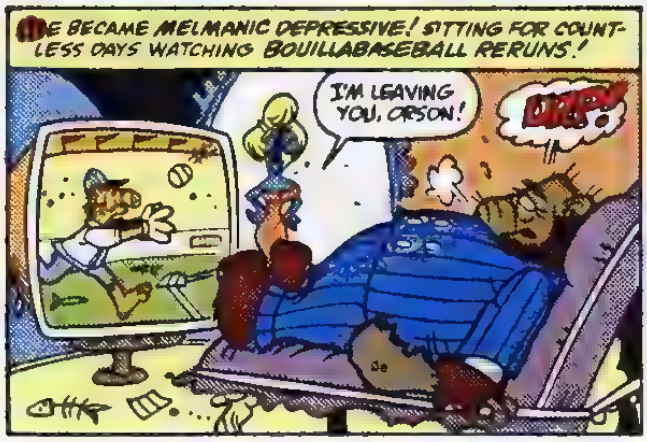

ONE LOOK AT HER AND YOU COULDN'T HELP BUT REMEMBER HER GLORY DAYS ON THE HIT MELEVISION SHOW, "CHEESE WHEEL OF FORTUNE ?!"
VANNA BOX OFFICE
WHEEL RATED # 1
I'M ETC.
DO SIT DOWN, MR. ETC!
VANNA


TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH--
--ORSON? WE MET ON THE SET OF "WHEEL"! HE'D JUST BOUGHT OUT MELMERV GRIFFIN!
GLOBE AWARD


WE WERE MARRIED... BUT NOT HAPPILY, BECAUSE--
THE PICKLE PUBLIC IS DESERTING ME! THEY'RE ON A HEALTH KICK BINGE!
POOR DEAR.. HAVE AN APPLE!
FRUIT
CANDY


ORSON FELT REJECTED AND WENT INTO SECLUSION! HE SPENT BILLIONS BUILDING ME AN OPULENT MANSION....!
VANNADU
SERVICE DELIVERIES USE 27 ST ENTRANCE
FOR YOU!
ORSON! A "3 BR 2-BATH" WOULD HAVE CONE FINE!


HE BECAME MELMANIC DEPRESSIVE! SITTING FOR COUNTLESS DAYS WATCHING BOUILLABASEBALL RERUNS!
I'M LEAVING YOU, ORSON!
BLAM!

WE NEVER SPOKE AGAIN...} SOBE AND NOW...
TELL ME, MISS BEIGE... DID ORSON EVER SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A "ROSEBUD"?
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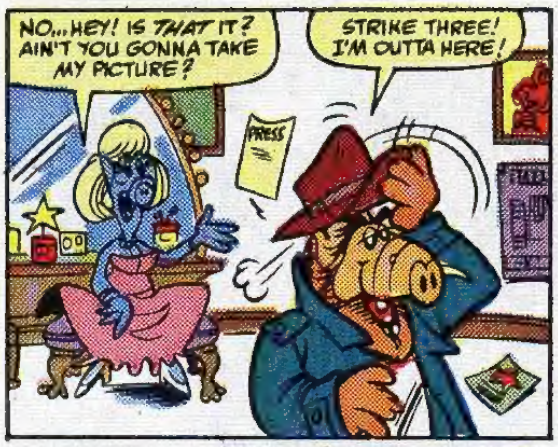
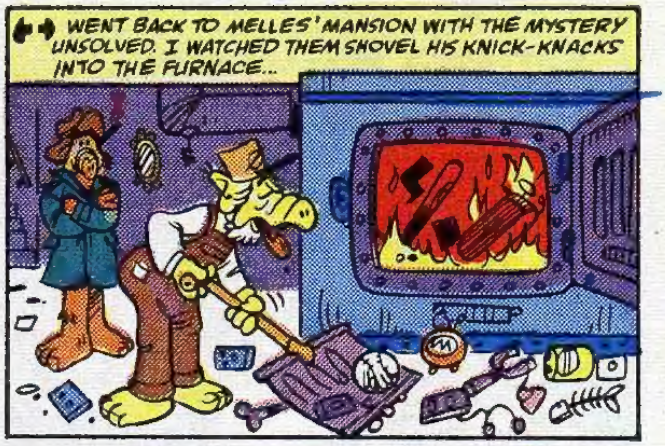
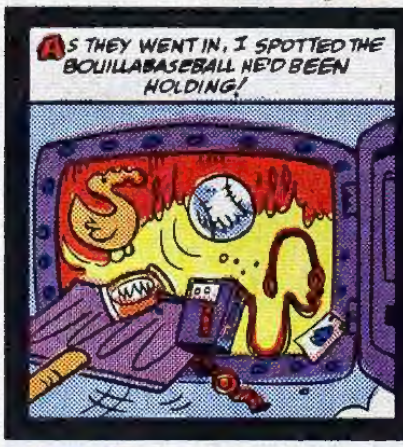

NO...HEY! IS THAT IT? AIN'T YOU GONNA TAKE MY PICTURE?
STRIKE THREE! I'M OUTTA HERE!
PRESS


WENT BACK TO MELLES' MANSION WITH THE MYSTERY UNSOLVED. I WATCHED THEM SHOVEL HIS KNICK-KNACKS INTO THE FURNACE...


AS THEY WENT IN, I SPOTTED THE BOUILLABASEBALL HE'D BEEN HOLDING!

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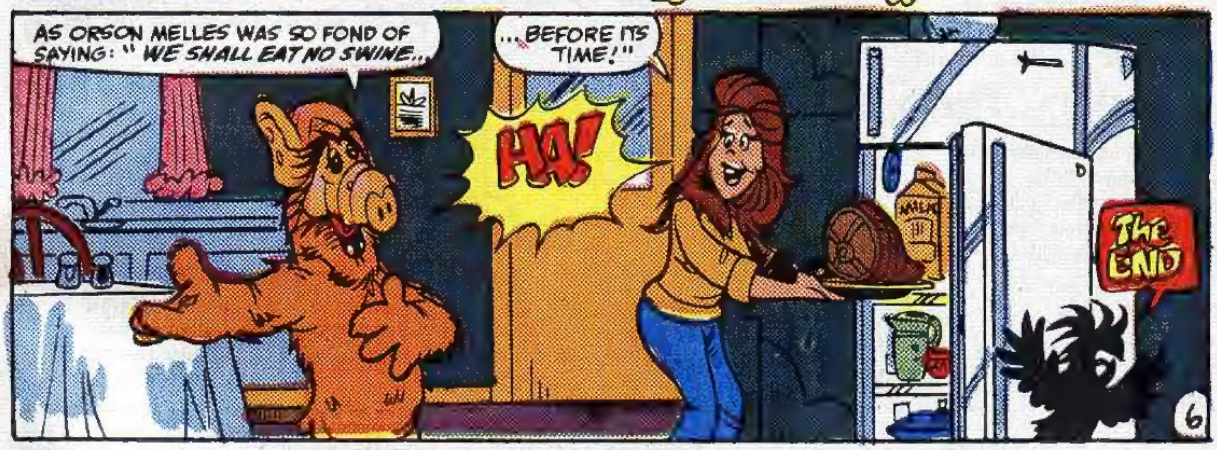
AS HIS LOST YOUTH WENT UP IN FLAMES, THE FINAL PUZZLE PIECE DROPPED IN...
Pete Rose
YES, PETE ROSEBUD WHOSE AUTOGRAPH WAS NEVER COMPLETED!

Finis
WELL, THAT WAS QUITE A STORY, ALF! NO POINT IN WATCHING T.V. NOW!

RIGHT ON, LANO-LYNN! LET'S HIT THE KITCHEN FOR SOME BACON, PORK RINDS AND HAM STEAKS!
WHY MUST IT BE PORK?
SLURP!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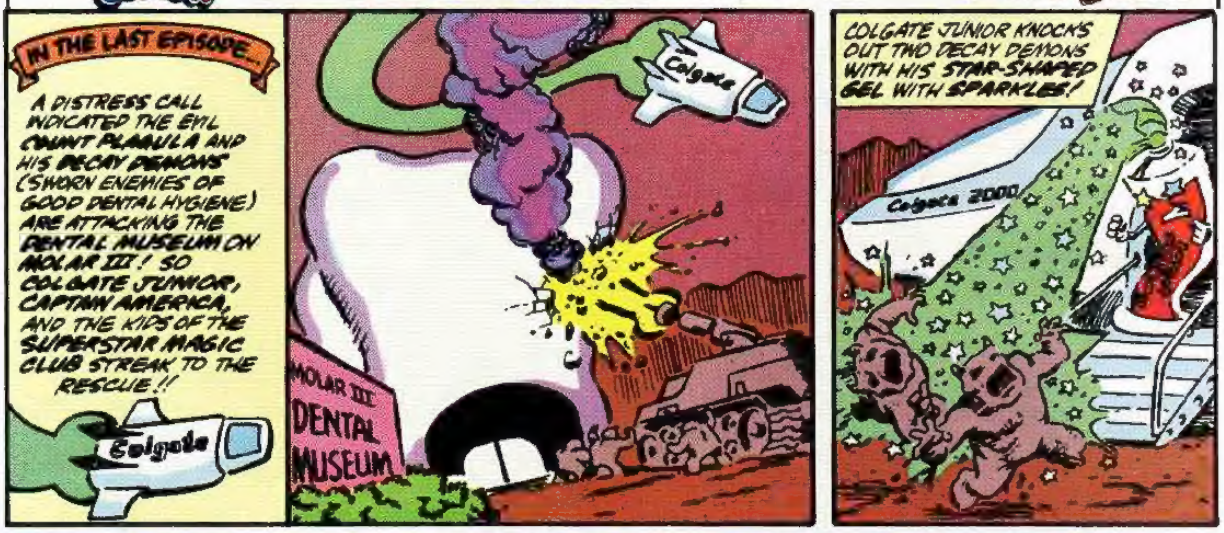

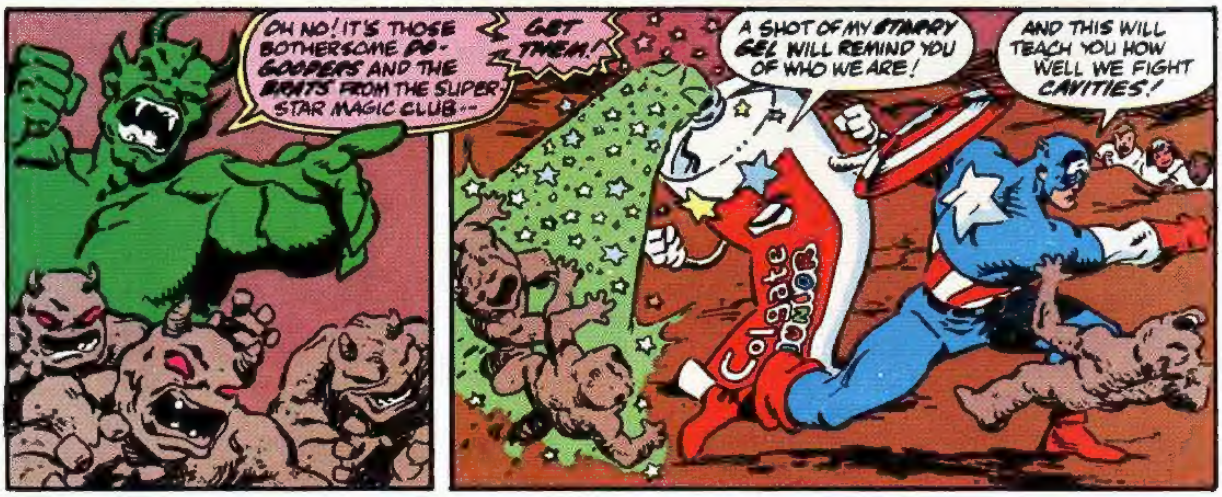

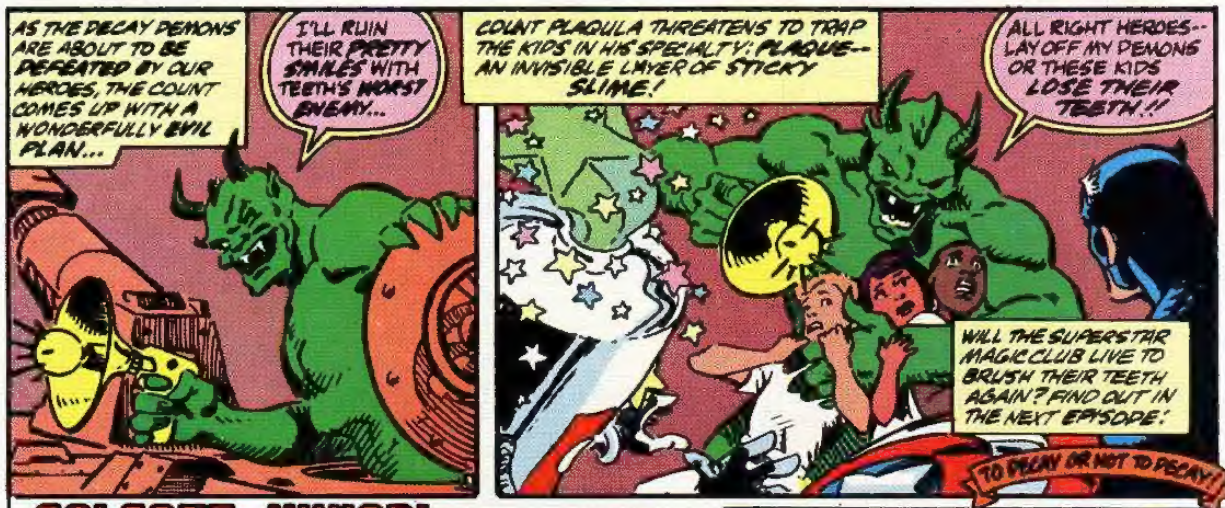

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